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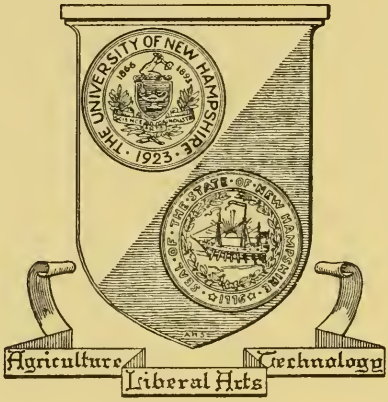

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Sixty-Second Annual Report

of the

CITY OF LACONIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the

Year Ending June 30, 1955

UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF

Honorable Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor
and Councilmen

Hugh H. Bownes	Ward 1
Maurice A. Jacques	Ward 2
Thomas W. O'Connor	Ward 3
Albert F. Lahaie	Ward 4
John G. Ruel	Ward 5
Harold E. Tefft	Ward 6

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Seated, Mayor Bernard L. Boutin. Standing, left to right: Hugh H. Bownes, Councilman, Ward 1; Maurice A. Jacques, Councilman, Ward 2; Thomas W. O'Connor, Councilman, Ward 3; Albert F. Lahaie, Councilman, Ward 4; John G. Ruel, Councilman, Ward 5; Harold E. Tefft, Councilman, Ward 6.

INAUGURAL SPEECH

by

the Honorable Bernard L. Boutin

Honorable Gerard L. Morin, members of the Clergy, invited guests, members of the outgoing Council, members of the Board of Education, gentlemen of the Council, ladies and gentlemen:

It is with a deep sense of appreciation and gratitude that I take this opportunity to thank you, the citizens of Laconia, for the great honor bestowed upon me by electing me as your Mayor for the next two years. This sacred trust which you have placed in my care as your chief executive, will be safeguarded to the very best of my ability. I will do my utmost to serve all of the people of our city by faithfully carrying out my duties as prescribed by law. I ask for the full co-operation of the people . . . I ask for the support of the Council . . . and I humbly ask of Almighty God that He give me understanding, wisdom and strength so that all of our actions during the next two years will be forward steps toward making Laconia a better place in which to live.

Well might we pause in the proceedings of this inaugural ceremony and pay silent tribute to two former Mayors who have passed away during the last two years, George Park Munsey and Malcolm Barney. It is indeed fitting that we should honor the memory of these two men. We should pay our respects and show our gratitude to the former Mayors of our city who have given so much of themselves for the welfare of all.

We have sitting on this platform this evening former Mayors. I would like to recognize at this time the Honorable Edward J. Gallagher, the Honorable Thomas J. McIntyre, the Honorable Robinson W. Smith, and the Honorable Gerard L. Morin.

I recognize that we are confronted at the present time by many serious problems. To each of these problems we will give careful consideration and we will act toward a solution only when we have all of the available facts. I will request the Council to move slowly on all major items under consideration to allow time for ample discussion and deliberation. All proposals will be carefully scrutinized and our attention will be focused primarily on those which will in the long run better our City.

With the greatly expanded duties of our Park Commission, necessitated by our greatly expanded recreation system, the purchase and improvement of Endicott Park and the Weirs Beach, the increased activities in our park program and the enlargement and improvement of Opechee Park and with the further need for enlarging the scope of our recreational activities, it is my belief that we are overburdening our park commissioners. I will request the Council to study the possibility of revising our present system, forming perhaps two groups out of the present single commission, with one group being in charge of all park maintenance and improvement and the other in charge of recreation. I will further ask the Council to study the feasibility of improving the Pearl Street grounds and also of taking the necessary steps toward making Bartlett Beach available for swimming. This will further expand our park facilities.

We have heard much talk about establishing a system of personnel administration based on merit principles and job analyses for our city employees. I believe that the time has come when thought should be translated into actions and we should initiate such a system as soon as possible so that we will have an accepted method of appointment, compensation, promotion and transfer of classified city employees. This should make city employment more attractive and at the same time afford a fair and equal opportunity to all employees. I realize that we will be faced with requests from employees of various city departments for revised weekly work hours and perhaps revised pay scales. Many of these employees are tax payers and all are solid citizens of our city. I can only ask them that they keep the welfare of the city in mind during these negotiations to come, remembering that any appropriations of additional funds will mean a difference in what our tax rate will be in the years to come. On the other hand, I do not believe that a man should be exploited because he works for the city. My standard will be justice and equity based on a just day's pay for a just day's work.

I am very much interested in the possibility of having a city Purchasing Agency or Agent and I intend to thoroughly explore this possibility as soon as possible. I believe that if we can have all of the purchasing for all city departments channelled through one agent or agency on a requisition basis that we would realize very substantial savings. It might also be possible for further economy to combine this job with an existing job. To accomplish this would require, very likely, an act of the State Legislature and after studying the problem carefully, if the Council concludes that it has merit, I will endeavor to have a bill introduced in this session of the Legislature, if possible.

Recently the Supreme Court of the State of New Hampshire upheld the legality of the referendum of June 1954 regarding the acquisition of the Laconia Water Company. The people of the City of Laconia,

voting in this referendum, gave to the governing body of the city a mandate to purchase the Water Company if a price could be arrived at, allowing this purchase to be self-liquidating from water rental fees. As Mayor of this city, I will do all that I can to have the Council and the City Solicitor carry out the objective of this referendum.

On the school question, as I stated during the campaign, I plan to appoint a study committee composed of members of the Council, members of the School Board and members of the community at large to study all phases of our educational system and to bring back to the Mayor and Council their recommendation as soon as a study has been completed. I will furnish such a committee all possible cooperation.

We all realize that we have a serious sewerage extension problem and in many sections of the city and in the Weirs, the problem is acute and requires immediate consideration. I will give every assistance possible to the City Engineer and I will recommend that we plan our sewerage extensions over a period of years, doing a definite amount of work each year. Sewerage extension is a very costly proposition and while the sewerage disposal system maintained and owned by the City of Laconia is self-liquidating, we must plan our sewerage extensions on a long term basis in order to prevent any appreciable increase in our tax burden.

We will also give serious consideration to the problem of substituting for our present Board of Fire Engineers a Fire Commission. I will recommend that we call an open meeting as soon as possible of all permanent and volunteer firemen in our department, as this proposal originated in that department, to discuss this problem thoroughly, and will, if the proposal is acceptable, request that a bill be introduced in our State Legislature to accomplish this change.

We will continue the study and try to at least partially solve our traffic and parking problems. Our deliberations will also include the City Hall problem and the problem of having a suitable memorial for our valiant veterans of World War II. I will work with our Planning Board, the Laconia Industrial Development Corporation, the Chambers of Commerce and any other groups seeking to improve our city and further to bring new industries to Laconia. I will welcome advice from any source.

As I stated during the campaign, I will set definite hours when anyone may see the Mayor at the Mayor's office at City Hall. I ask that you make use of these hours to acquaint your city government through your Mayor of your viewpoints on any problem that we are facing. As I and the members of the Council take over the duties of your city government today, I feel certain that with God's help we will carry out our duties faithfully and well for a greater Laconia of tomorrow. I thank you.

EX-AUGURAL SPEECH
by
Mayor Gerard L. Morin

Mayor Gerard L. Morin in his ex-augural said:

As this administration relinquishes the management of our city government to its successors, it would seem appropriate to summarize the important achievements which we have contributed to the progress of our community. We are proud that some of these achievements originated with our administration; some of them are projects which our predecessors hoped and worked for and to which we added the final touch to reach long-sought goals.

First and foremost I must mention the work which we have done towards bringing close the opportunity for the citizens of our city to own and operate their own water works system. It will be recalled that this subject arose through the request of the Laconia Water Company for a drastic increase in the city's appropriation for public fire protection from $5,000 to $41,000 annually. We could not consent to any such huge increase in any item of the city budget without full study of the underlying reasons. Realizing this to be a specialized field of study, which would make demands far beyond the council's available time, I appointed a citizens advisory committee which immediately set about delving into the matter and which has worked continuously almost two full years on this most difficult assignment. At no time has there ever been the slightest tinge of politics or pressure upon the committee. On the contrary, the committee was given a completely free hand and the necessary funds with which to work. I, myself, did not sit with the committee until its basic conclusions had been reached. The recommendations brought forth from the committee have been strictly followed bceause they were reached by impartial analysis of the problem and on the basis of the maximum benefits to our community.

As chairman of the committee, I appointed Mr. Roland A. Dansereau, Comptroller of the firm of Scott & Williams, whose wisdom in matters dealing with financial management is unbounded. To work with him I appointed a group of persons carefully chosen because of the good judgment each one could be expected to exercise from his own particular experience in private business, or governmental affairs, or both.

This committee carried the city's protest of the proposed new rates of the Laconia Water Company to a full fledged hearing before the Public Utilities Commission. As a result, a substantial annual rate reduction was effected.

The whole problem of service and rates naturally led to the logical question of whether the citizens would benefit in future years from municipal ownership of the water supply system. We requested the committee to study this problem. After extensive study, the committee came to the unanimous conclusion that the City of Laconia should purchase the Water Company if it could be obtained at a fair price. By so doing, the city could not only own the system at the end of about thirty years, but make substantial savings during the acquisition. This will be a self-liquidating enterprise. It also contemplates numerous major improvements in the distribution system from revenue obtained during the acquisition period.

I want on this occasion to express my sincere appreciation to those both inside and outside our city government who labored long on this Water Company acquisition project. Their work, I know you are all aware, was done with the single thought of providing taxpayers of this community with a much more economical and efficient utility. I feel confident that the incoming administration will recognize it has a definite responsibility to carry these acquisition proceedings to a prompt conclusion. With a referendum clearly expressing our people's wish and with the recent favorable Supreme Court ruling, it has no other choice in my opinion.

In looking back over my two years in office, I find several other accomplishments which I would like to highlight in my talk to you this evening:

The first of these is the adoption of a complete Fire Protection Ordinance, a measure of which will undoubtedly save many homes, places of business, and lives from destruction in years to come.

The second is the preparation and approval of plans for construction of a new fire station in Lakeport—a long needed improvement.

A third accomplishment during my administration was improvement of traffic and parking problems in the downtown area of our city. This includes an attractive traffic island in Bank Square, re-routing of traffic around City Hall, and plans for new off-street lots on Rowe Court, Fair Street, and at The Weirs.

Fourth, we have made substantial gains in our local street system and its operations. We have installed the most modern and up-to-date street lighting possible for our principal artery from Lakeport Square to the city line on Route 3 and in our shopping center. Residents and visitors alike have commented on how much this has improved our

city. My adminisration has also seen the relocation of Route 106 on Prescott Hill, thereby eliminating some bad curves and creating a striking approach to our city from the south. We have also seen the development of Batchelder Street school grounds; the re-surfacing of our principal business streets and fine new equipment, including sidewalk plows and waste removal truck added to the Public Works Department.

Fifth, Laconia no longer has an unsightly, dangerous and open dumping method of handling refuse. In its place we have instituted the sanitary land fill method of dump operation with a special new piece of equipment purchased for this particular job. No city in the State of New Hampshire now has a better disposal plant than the one which Laconia operates.

Other Public Works accomplishments were the hydraulic dredging operation at the Weirs Beach; improvements at Opechee Park; and extension of the sewage system.

A sixth major accomplishment of my administration has been improvements totalling many thousands of dollars at our municipal airport.

A seventh achievement of my adminisration has been our extensive study of this city's school needs. It is to be hoped that the succeeding administration will review the entire school situation and arrive at some solution which will satisfy our need for new facilities and still lie within the reasonable means of our community.

Eighth, I point wih pride to a rejuvenated Civil Defense organization, headed by Mr. Arthur Rothafel. He has already done much ground work towards the building of an organization for protection of our citizenry in times of national crisis.

Ninth, I have believed the promotion of our city and the region in which it is situated is basic to our expanding economy. To this end we have aided the two local Chambers of Commerce and have given substantially to the Lakes Region Association. We have made every effort to work with the Laconia Chamber of Commerce in inducing industry to our city.

Tenth, and finally, I am proud to have seen during by administration the recognition of the A. F. of L. in the Board of Public Works. I am pleased to report they have worked in close harmony with the city government.

I think that during my administration we have made great strides in furnishing more efficient services and greater capital investments of the type which will benefit our city as a whole. At all times I have made a special effort to keep the doors open to each and every citizen

who may have wished to make suggestions or register contrary opinions. I want to congratulate personally each one of the council members for his unfailing diligence in working on city affairs at our regular meetings and at the many special ones which we have had to call. I want to congratulate the various city departments—all of them, not just those which I have had occasion to name—for their willing cooperation and many suggestions which have improved our procedures and served to create a better City of Laconia. The city personnel has turned in an exceptionally fine performance.

I would like to especially thank Raymond Smith of the Laconia Evening Citizen and Earl Anderson of the Manchester Union for their fairness in reporting our proceedings.

At this time I would like to congratulate the newly elected Mayor and members of the Council and I sincerely hope that the next two years will be as rewarding to them as the last two have been for me.

CITY CLERK

Kenneth R. Dunlap, *City Clerk (succeeding Chas. E. Lord)*
Maude Lemere, *Assistant to the City Clerk*
Madeleine Caron, *Fiscal Officer*
Ethel Aldrich, *Typist-Clerk*
Elsa Avery, *Secretary to the Mayor*

The City Council:

The City Council held twelve regular monthly meetings, six special meetings, and seven hearings. The hearings were held relative to the annual budget, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, acceptance of Chapin Terrace, erection of a new high school, aquisition of New Hampshire Veterans land at the Weirs, amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, and amendment to Traffic Rules and Regulations on Rowe Court. Included with the hearings was an auction of city-owned property acquired by tax deeds.

There were nine ordinances passed, one relating to Salaries of Ward Officers, three amendments to Traffic Rules and Regulations, one relating to Purchasing, one to amend the Zoning Ordinance, one relative to renaming of Pearl Street Grounds, so-called, to Memorial Park, one to amend the ordinance relating to the licensing of bicycles, one relative to classification of city employees.

There were sixteen resolutions adopted — one dealing with the annual budget, two dealing with raising money in anticipation of taxes, one raising money by taxation, relative to bond issue for public improvements, expenses toward acquisition of the Laconia Water Co., bond issue for purchase of departmental equipment, relative to construction of the Lakeport Fire Station, serial note issue of $17,000 for public improvements, the appointment of a School Committee, relative to the bond issue for the Lakeport Fire Station, authorizing a public improvement at the Laconia Airport of $40,000, adopting and approving the execution of a Grant Agreement between the City of Laconia and the Laconia Airport Authority, ratifying the making of a permanent public improvement at the Laconia Airport and issuance of bonds to finance it, one of thanks to Charles Stafford, and a resolution of thanks to Chief Charles Dunleavy and the Police Department.

VITAL STATISTICS

for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954

Number of births	565
Still Births	11
Marriages	148
Deaths	288

Dog Licenses

The law requires owners or keepers of dogs to license them annually on or before the first of May. The license fee is two dollars ($2.00) for each male or spayed female and five dollars ($5.00) for each female. Puppies must be licensed when they are three months old and the fee is in proportion to the remaining months until the first of May. That is, if there are nine months

remaining from the day a male puppy is three months old, the fee will be nine-twelfths of $2.00, or $1.50. An amendment to the law requires the owner to pay an additional fifty cents (50¢) if the dog license is paid on or after July 1st.

There are approximately 1000 dogs in Laconia which are duly licensed. The funds from Licenses go to defray general operating expenses. The sum of $1596.20 was collected this year.

Mr. Rene Huard is Laconia's dog officer. His duties are to investigate complaints, to pick up stray or lost dogs, and to bury dead animals. In case of lost dogs, he inserts a notice in the Evening Citizen and houses the dog at Dr. Robinson Smith's kennels. If no reply is received, the dog is given to a new owner or laid away. If owners would promptly attach dog tags, a great many dogs could be immediately returned to their owners.

Motor Vehicles

The revenue from motor vehicle fees continues to advance and the table below shows the increase over the past five years:

1954-1955	$63,710.39
1953-1954	53,994.11
1952-1953	45,772.09
1951-1952	44,173.80
1950-1951	45,355.43

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

BELKNAP COUNTY TAX

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures		$69,271.60

CITY OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Budget Appropriation		$9,710.00
Receipts:		
Dog Officer	$ 3.00	
Supplies, Equipment, Etc. (Reimbursements)	13.53	
Telephone—Reimbursements	40.72	
Total Receipts		57.25
TOTAL		$9,767.25
Expenditures:		
City Report	$1,716.75	
Dog Officer	984.99	
Flowers	96.35	
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses	53.55	
Supplies, Equipment, Etc.	4,699.89	
Taxes—Gilford Sandbank	38.75	
Telephone	582.79	
Travel & Conventions	176.77	
Total Expenditures		$8,349.84
To Excess & Deficiency		1,417.41
TOTAL		$9,767.25

ELECTIONS

Budget Appropriation		$5,675.00
Receipts:		
Filing Fees	$ 43.00	
Printing & Notices—Sale of Checklists, etc.	65.90	
Salaries	18.00	
Total Receipts		126.90
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency		142.10
TOTAL		$5,944.00
Expenditures:		
Fuel	$ 23.17	
Labor, Materials & Trucking	49.76	
Lights & Water	45.80	
Printing & Notices	1,208.10	
Rent	195.00	
Salaries—Ward Officers	3,601.00	
Supplies	73.65	
Total Expenditures		$5,196.48
To Excess & Deficiency		747.52
TOTAL		$5,944.00

HYDRANT SERVICE

Budget Appropriation	$35,800.00
Total Expenditures	$35,240.70
To Excess & Deficiency Account	559.30
TOTAL	$35,800.00

INSURANCE

Budget Appropriation		$5,061.94
Receipts		1.86
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency Account		406.60
TOTAL		$5,470.40
Expenditures:		
Fire Insurance	$2,703.29	
Fire, Theft, Collision & $50 Deductible on Two Police Cars	804.06	
Floodlights	105.11	
Public Liability & Property Damage	1,856.08	
Total Expenditures		$5,468.54
To Excess & Deficiency Account		1.86
TOTAL		$5,470.40

LACONIA HOSPITAL

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures	$8,000.00

MAINTENANCE OF CITY HALL

Budget Appropriation		$7,845.16
Receipts—Reimbursement for Supplies by Other Departments		144.01
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency Account		2,000.00
TOTAL		$9,989.17
Expenditures:		
Capital Outlays	$ 622.95	
Fuel	1,480.15	
Furnishings	165.70	
Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,290.31	
Lakeport Clock	212.01	
Longevity—Janitor	180.00	
Salary—Janitor	2,565.16	
Salary—Janitor's Assistant	130.00	
Supplies	519.71	
Survey for Addition & Preliminary Drawings	1,200.00	
Water, Lights & Power	620.16	
Total Expenditures		$8,986.15
To Excess & Deficiency Account		1,003.02
TOTAL		$9,989.17

MISCELLANEOUS

Budget Appropriation		$2,605.00
Expenditures:		
Laconia Chamber of Commerce Dues	$ 105.00	
The Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce	500.00	
Lakes Region Association	500.00	
Public Wharves—Repairs & Rent	312.22	
Spraying Poison Ivy	270.75	
Spraying Ragweed	271.05	
Total Expenditures		$1,959.02
To Excess & Deficiency Account		645.98
TOTAL		$2,605.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Budget Appropriation		$1,450.00
Expenditures:		
Decorating City Hall for U. S. President's Visit	$ 150.00	
Fourth of July	543.22	
Memorial Day	355.50	
Spanish War Veterans	250.00	
Total Expenditures		$1,298.72
To Excess & Deficiency Account		151.28
TOTAL		$1,450.00

SALARIES

Budget Appropriation		$43,674.00
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency Account		210.00
TOTAL		$43,884.00
Expenditures:		
City Auditor	$1,400.00	
Clerical Assistance	7,819.00	
City Clerk	3,900.00	
Councilmen	1,725.00	
Fiscal Officer	2,860.00	
Longevity	390.00	
Mayor	1,200.00	
Mayor's Assistant	1,391.25	
State of N. H. Retirement System	14,984.40	
City Physician	850.00	
Board of Public Works	300.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	900.00	
Secretary-Treasurer—Trustees of Trust Funds	800.00	
City Solicitor	1,400.00	
City Treasurer	1,500.00	
Total Expenditures		$41,419.65
To Excess & Deficiency Account		2,464.35
TOTAL		$43,884.00

STATE EDUCATIONAL TAX

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures	$3,788.00

STREET LIGHTING

Budget Appropriation	$34,500.00
Receipts-Reimbursement	73.44
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency Account	461.44
TOTAL	$35,034.88
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$35,034.88

WATER COMPANY STUDY

Budget Appropriation	$15,000.00
Total Expenditures	$ 7,281.78
To Excess & Deficiency Account	7,718.22
TOTAL	$15,000.00

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Jerome R. Leavitt, *Chairman*
Mr. Earle V. Kinsman, *Secretary*
Mr. Oliva Huot
Mrs. Esther Nighswander
Mr. Robert V. Johnson
Mr. Donald MacIsaac

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board presents herewith Superintendent Eddy's school report for the year 1954-1955.

Your thoughtful attention is directed to the principal part of the report dealing with the teaching of fundamental processes in the Laconia schools. People are generally aware of the great number of responsibilities falling upon our schools today and the necessity for attempting these many objectives. It is natural that some citizens assume that the tool subjects are being neglected because of the pressure of teaching so many things; this is apparent from the articles appearing in our national press. It is not my purpose to comment on the situation nation-wide, but I should like to point out that our Laconia schools do make a great effort to maintain a balance in the local educational program; this is especially true where teaching the fundamental processes is concerned. An examination of the six-year figures of our test scores indicates that the job is being well done, even while the abilities and needs of the individual pupils are being dealt with sympathetically and intelligently.

The school services in Laconia now include a Child Guidance Clinic which meets twice a month. This service, which came about through the efforts of our school physician, Dr. Douglass Walker, does not receive any local financial support. The School Department also employs a skilled school psychologist one day a week. The work of the Clinic and the work of the psychologist have rendered valuable help to a large number of Laconia children who have problems.

During the past year, as indicated in Superintendent Eddy's report, the School Board has given unusual attention to the safety of the city's school buildings. At the same time an effort has been made to maintain and improve the buildings in appearance. School equipment needs have received equal attention on all fronts.

The School Board, again, issues an invitation to the citizens to attend Board meetings. Regular School Board meetings are held usually on the last Monday in each month. The meeting place is the Academy Street School Office and the time is usually 7:30 in the evening. A large number of unscheduled special meetings are also necessary to handle school affairs.

Dr. Jerome R. Leavitt, *Chairman*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPT. OF SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1955

The material selected for this school report is a sampling of pertinent information concerning your school system. The report deals with educational achievement, with special school services, with certain aspects of the school plant, and with some of the activities that are a part of the school offering. Beyond this material, statistical and financial information tells you something of school growth and school support in the City of Laconia for the school year 1954-1955.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Customarily, reports of this nature conclude with a few words of appreciation to persons who have assisted the administration during the year. Because the assistance and cooperation I have received have been so extremely helpful and valuable, I want to open this report with grateful acknowledgements.

City Engineer Arnold O'Mara and Mr. Robert Pitman, as well as the Engineering Department as a whole, render services continuously to the School Department. The dollar and cents' savings to the City is considerable, but the generous and helpful cooperation is equally good for the City.

Fire Chief Merle Sargent, Planning Board Director Leonard Hubboard, City Clerk Kenneth Dunlap, and their Departments are quick to supply services and information that are highly valuable to the School Department; they have been particularly helpful during the last year.

Mr. Clyde Cantin of the Cantin Chevrolet Company has supplied the high school Driver Training classes with a dual control automobile every year Driver Training has been offered the pupils. The actual cost to the City for this expensive piece of quipment is almost negligible; the School District pays only the insurance; gas, oil, maintenance and garaging costs of this free automobile are all borne by Mr. Cantin's company.

Police Chief Charles Dunleavy, Lieutenant Paul Swenson, and the officers in the Police Department as a whole, are always ready to assist with those school needs and problems that are within the province of safety, good behavior, and clean living, which are common to both our City Departments.

There are many other persons and businesses in Laconia that are called on time and time again for technical information and advice; all invariably respond cheerfully. Insurance men, plumbing and heating people, electrical contractors are among the many who give free time and effort in assisting your school administration in carrying on the work in this school system.

TEACHING THE BASIC SKILLS IN LACONIA'S SCHOOLS

Schools today have many important educational jobs to perform and increasingly heavy responsibilities are therefore being imposed upon the teachers. There seems to be an endless number of things to know about the nature of children: How each one learns most effectively; why one learns more rapidly than another; the effect of physical and emotional handicaps upon child behavior and the ability to learn; how to cope with many different personalitiees, and so on. The teacher must have a large store of knowledge upon which to draw: About teaching subjects; about teaching good habit formation; about teaching the ability to think independently. The teacher is expected to know how to help each individual pupil to make the best use of his abilities. The schools are expected to teach loyal American citizenship; to teach good health habits; to teach children how to live together most pleasantly and effectively; and so on and on through teaching safety, tolerance, thrift, and an appreciation of the finer things in life. These tasks are in themselves a large order, but there is much more.

There is the abiding task of passing on to the pupils a whole body of knowledge about our country and about our world. There abides the task of giving each pupil the fundamental skills he must have to advance himself in every field of learning.

Reading, writing, and arithmetic are the first subjects studied in school, and are used continuously throughout life. There are accompanying skills of equal importance: vocabulary, correct English and spelling, the use of the dictionary, of encyclopedia, maps, charts, and so on.

We in the schools are anxious that every parent and citizen should know that the administration and the teaching staff is acutely aware of the importance of teaching these basic skills. In an effort to determine the effectiveness of our teaching with respect to these skills, "Standard Tests"* are given annually to all pupils in grades four through eight and nine. Test results are studied and compared from year to year to determine:

I How effective are the teaching methods employed.
- (a) Is there growth in skills on the part of each pupil?
- (b) Does the work in each grade indicate that this growth is taking place effectively?
- (c) Are we continuing emphasis on these basic skills in the upper grades? (That is, do the pupils have mastery of fundamental skills before emphasis is placed entirely on subject matter content?)

II Are the teaching materials in use serving their purposes effectively?
- (a) Is there sufficient drill material?

(b) Are the books written for the ability of the pupils in each grade?

(c) Do our teaching materials meet the varying rates of learning found among the pupils?

III. Where is greater emphasis needed from grade to grade?

(a) Do basic skills need attention on into high school? For all pupils? For some pupils?

Using the results of "Standard Tests" helps the schools to analyze its success in teaching the basic skills and to do a better job in this respect. However, the results secured also concern the individual pupil's progress; his particular needs—according to his rate of learning—are better known and he can be helped more efficiently. The *use* of test results is the only valid reason for going to the time and expense of administering "Standard Tests" in the first place. While this reason concerns the individual pupil, it also concerns the total system of grades—as enumerated above.

There follows Table I which lists the results of our testing program for the last six years. Table I is also presented graphically in a series of Charts. The Table and the Charts enable the reader to determine for himself the thoughtful attention given to teaching the fundamental skills in Laconia's schools. Questions arise: How effectively are these skills being taught? How effectively are these skills being maintained from grade to grade? What evidence is there that these results speak favorably of Laconia's efforts?

"Standard Tests" permit comparisons between local test results and national averages (norms), or standards, by translating pupils' scores into terms of the grade, and month of the school year in that grade, when the test is taken. (Example: A fourth grade pupil takes the test in January. This is the *fourth* month of the school year. It is written 4-4. The pupil's score translated into these terms is 4-4. This means that he is *at* the national norm. If his score is 4-1, he is three months *below* the national average. If his score is 4-9, he is five months *above* the national average.)

In Laconia, these "Standard Tests" are always given in the month of January. Consequently, the national average (norm), for purposes of comparison in Laconia, for each grade is: 4-4 Fourth Grade; 5-4 Fifth Grade; 6-4 Sixth Grade; 7-4 Seventh Grade; 8-4 Eighth Grade; 9-4 Ninth Grade.

Grade scores are established as follows: The test scores of all the pupils in each grade are arranged in numerical order from lowest to highest scoes. The *middle* score (the score halfway between the lowest and the highest score) is the Laconia norm. This local norm is to be compared with the national norm to determine our local standing.

Six Year Period 1950 through 1955

	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
National Norm	4-4	5-4	6-4	7-4	8-4	9-4
January — 1950						
Reading Skills	4-4	4-8	5-9	6-5	8-6	
Work Study Skills	4-3	4-6	5-5	6-4	8-0	
Language Skills	4-2	4-7	6-2	6-2	7-4	
Arithmetic Skills	4-2	4-8	6-0	6-8	8-0	
January 1951						
Reading Skills	4-3	5-4	5-7	7-2	8-0	
Work Study Skills	4-3	5-4	5-2	6-3	7-5	
Language Skills	4-4	5-5	5-8	6-8	7-5	
Arithmetic Skills	4-4	5-4	6-0	6-6	7-7	
January — 1952						
Reading Skills	4-8	5-2	6-5	6-7	7-9	
Work Study Skills	4-4	5-4	6-9	6-5	7-7	
Language Skills	4-7	5-8	7-1	6-6	7-7	
Arithmetic Skills	4-3	5-4	6-7	6-6	7-7	
January — 1953						
Reading Skills	4-7	5-5	6-4	7-5	7-4	
Work Study Skills	4-3	5-5	6-1	7-0	7-0	
Language Skills	4-6	4-8	6-6	7-3	7-7	
Arithmetic Skills	4-3	5-4	6-0	6-8	7-0	
January — 1954						
Reading Skills	3-5	5-4	6-5	7-4	8-6	
Work Study Skills	4-2	5-7	6-1	7-2	8-4	
Language Skills	3-6	5-6	6-3	7-3	8-2	
Arithmetic Skills	4-1	5-1	5-8	6-8	8-0	
January — 1955						
Reading Skills	4-8	5-7	7-3	7-8	8-5	9-1
Language Skills	5-0	5-9	7-1	8-2	9-0	9-5
Arithmetic Skills	4-8	5-4	6-7	7-1	8-2	8-9

CHART I

READING

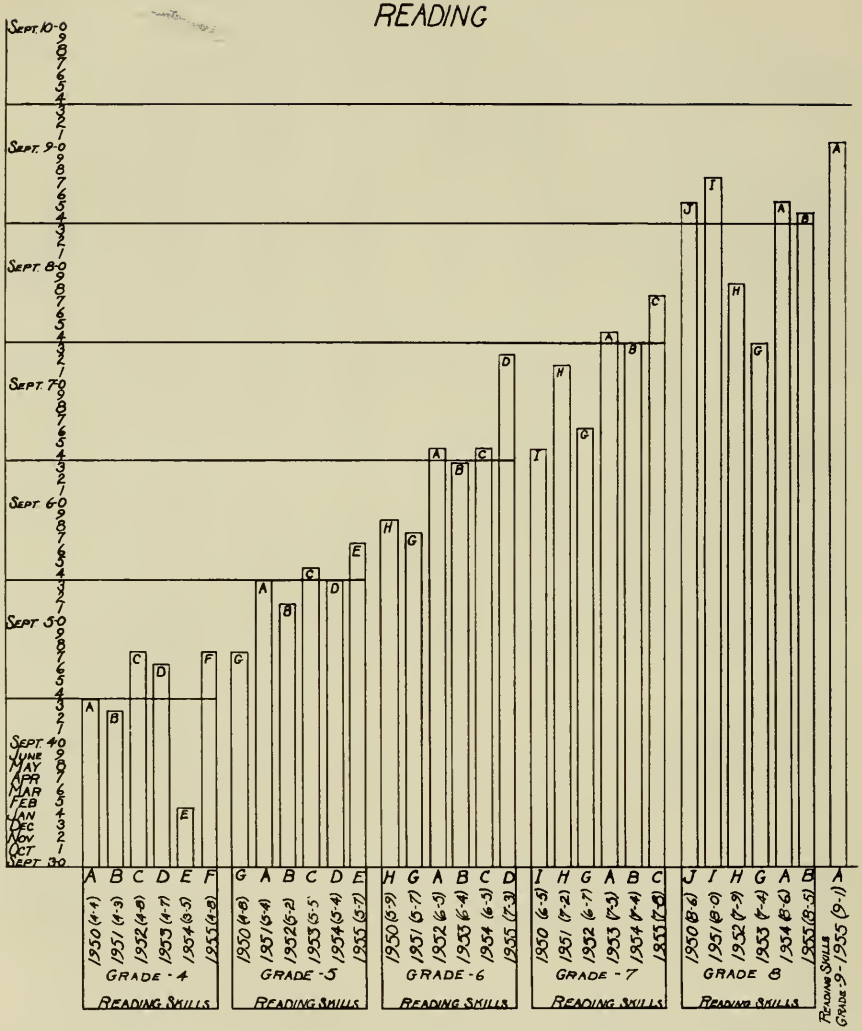
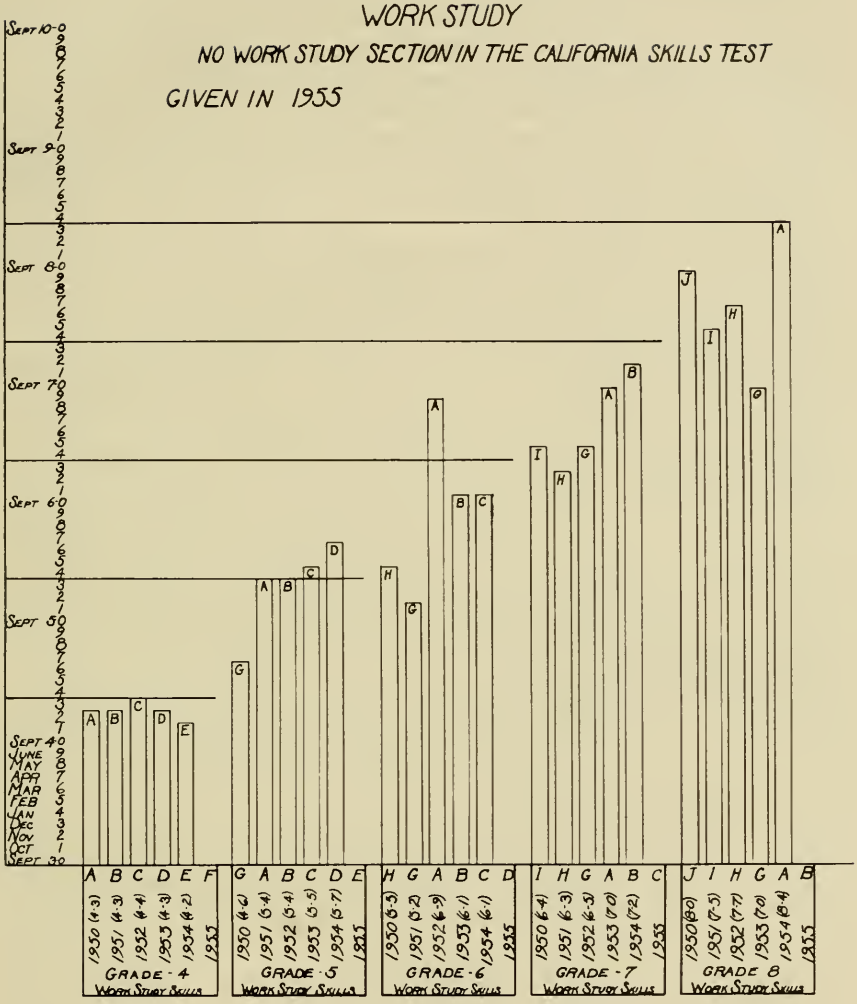


CHART II

WORK STUDY

NO WORK STUDY SECTION IN THE CALIFORNIA SKILLS TEST GIVEN IN 1955



Six Year (1950 through 1955) Testing Period Shows:

A. Fourth Grade Level:
   1. Reading has been at National Norm or better.
   2. Language has been higher than National Norm.
   3. Arithmetic has been below National Norm; this year (1955) shows definite increase.
   4. All 4th grade tests were low in 1954; however, as 5th graders in 1955 they were at Norm in arithmetic and higher in others.

B. Fifth Grade Level:
   1. Reading steadily increased to Norm and above.
   2. Language above Norm.
   3. Arithmetic at Norm except for 2 years.

C. Sixth Grade Level:
   1. Reading increased steadily; at or above Norm for 4 years.
   2. Above Norm 3 years in Language.
   3. Arithmetic below Norm until this year (1955).

D. Seventh Grade Level:
   (Several pupils enter this grade who have not come through Laconia's public schools.)
   1. Reading at or above Norm last 3 years.
   2. Language gained to above Norm.
   3. Arithmetic slow gain but still below Norm.

E. Eighth Grade Level:
   1. Reading increased to above Norm in last 2 years.
   2. Language below Norm until this year.
   3. Arithmetic below Norm with slow gain this year.

F. Ninth Grade Level:
   In this grade (as in grade 7) several pupils enter who have not come through Laconia public schools. Complete six year records for Grade 9 not available. Compare these 1955 scores with Grade 8 scores for 1954:
   Slightly below Norm, but a gain of 5 school months has been made in Arithmetic.
   Above Norm—a gain of 13 school months has been made in Language.

***STANDARDIZED TESTS**

Laconia has used the "Iowa Every-Pupil Test in Basic Skills" for eight years, the last six of which are reported here. This Test appears in five forms (I-L-M-N-O) for grades three through nine so that the same test may be given year after year for five years before it is necessary to repeat the use of a form previously given.

Theoretically, each form is of equal difficulty so that results secured

with one form are exactly comparable with every other form. It is difficult to know whether or not this is actually true; we assume that such is the case.

Because Laconia had used all of the Iowa Test forms, and had repeated the use of some of them, it seemed best to change to another Test this year (1955). The California Basic Skills Test was selected. Again, we assume that the results of the Iowa Test and the California Test are comparable, but again, this may or may not be the case—two or three years 'experience with the California Test will be necessary to make valid comparisons.

National Standards (National Norms) are established from several thousand actual test results of pupils scattered over the United States. These results are handled statistically and represent the teaching that goes on in many types of schools. Perhaps the standards have faults, but the *relative* worth of the comparisons that any local community may make between its test results and the national norms is still exceedingly valuable, particularly over a period of years. (Note: The Standards of the Iowa Test were established many years ago. This Test is being restandardized now. Laconia is one United States community participating in this restandardization.)

Unfortunately, national standards only are available for the Iowa and the California Skill Tests. Regional standards do not exist (or if they do they cannot be secured). It would be interesting and worthwhile to be able to compare Laconia Test results with New England standards, for example, or to compare Laconia results with the results in a select group of communities where school support is more than twice that in Laconia.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

School Year Ending June 30, 1955	Kdg. - Gr. 6	J. H. S. Gr. 7-8	S. H. S. Gr. 9-12	Total
Total Enrollment	1,202	306	726	2,234
Av. Daily Membership	1,130.0	296.6	697.2	2,138.8
School Year Ending June 30, 1954				
Total Enrollment	1,113	300	718	2,131
Av. Daily Membership	1,061.2	286.0	687.8	2,035.0
School Year Ending June 30, 1953				
Total Enrollment	1,047	297	668	2,012
Av. Daily Membership	1,012.2	286.3	627.9	1,926.8

Total Enrollment — The total number of pupils enrolled in the schools during the year. The number of pupils for whom furniture, books and supplies must be furnished.

CHART III

LANGUAGE

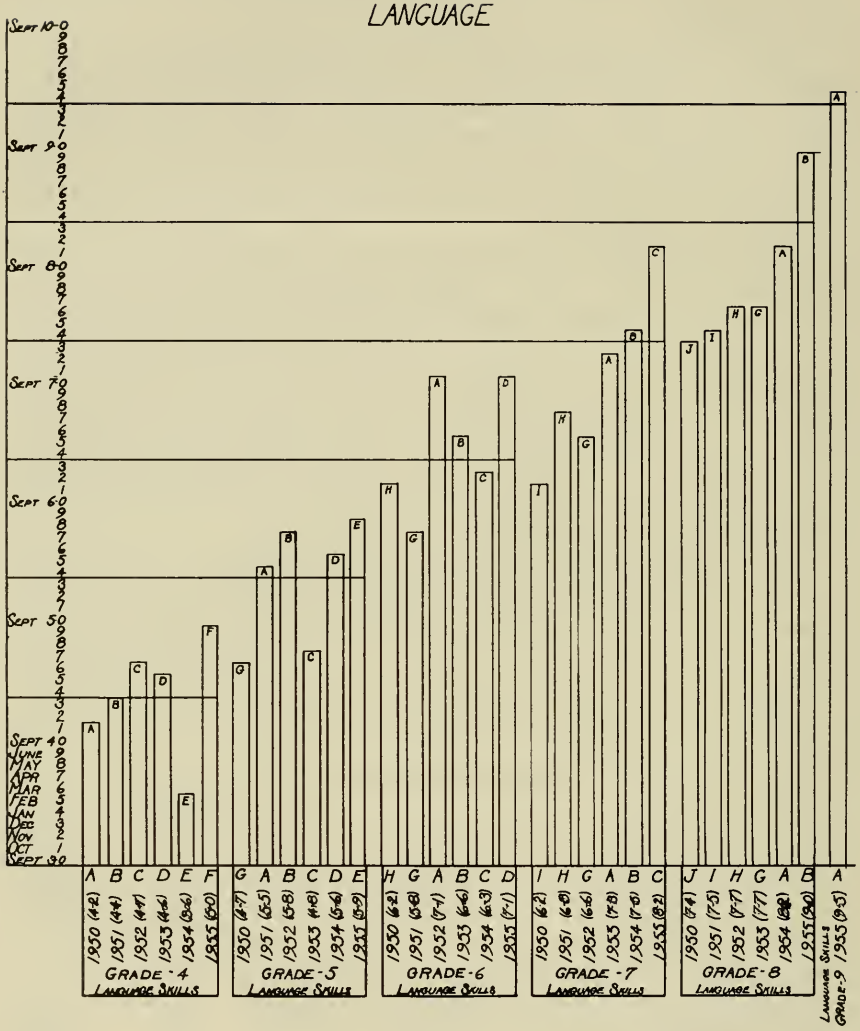
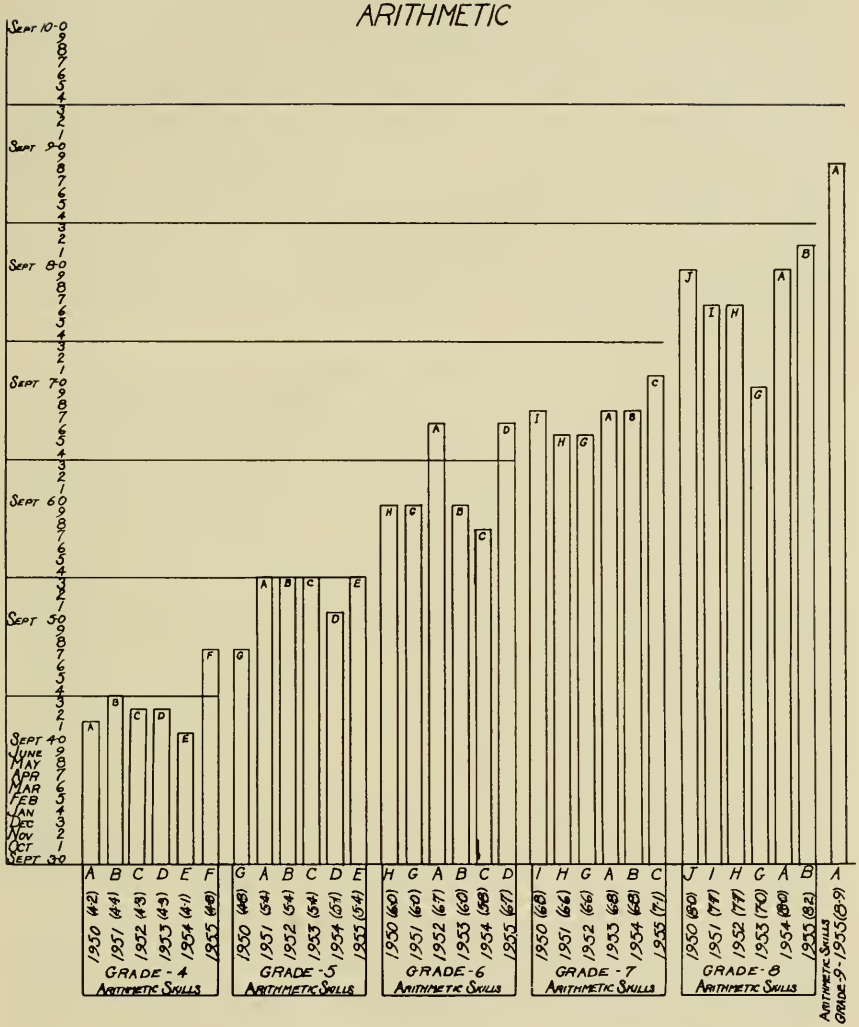


CHART IV

ARITHMETIC



Average Daily Membership — The average number of pupils attending school each day of the school year.

A few quick calculations will show the reader that the elementary school population increased by 155 pupils in the last two years, the junior high school by 9 pupils, the senior high school by 58 pupils, with a total increase in all grades of 222 pupils. The figures do not appear to require further interpretation except to say again that Laconia's school building accommodations are no greater now than they were in 1953, and further increases will take place in the number of pupils attending school. Complete information relating to the size of Laconia's school population is to be found in the 1954 School Report — the School Survey (The "Red Book"). The figures here for 1954 and 1955 continue the Survey figures.

THE SCHOOL PLANT

The school buildings in the city receive continual attention, not only by way of improvement, but also by way of maintenance. The elementary school buildings are so old that an endless amount of repairing and maintenance is necessary. The academic high cshool building likewise requires extensive maintenance; the Practical Arts Building is somewhat newer, but this building also has received attention.

The Civic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce gave special attention to your school buildings during the year and made recommendations that were largely concerned with additional safety features in the elementary school buildings.* The recommendations concerned inside hand rails on all stairways, permanent fire escape steps leading to fire escape entrances (all entrances are through windows, except at Harvard Street School), boiler room enclosures at all schools, and so on. The recommendations have been completely carried out, except that some of the work has had to go over into the school year 1955-1956 —this work involves an improved fire escape situation at four buildings and boiler room enclosures at two buildings.

Gilford Avenue School came in for a relatively large amount of work where additional building safety measures were concerned. Outside exits from the basement rooms were equipped with panic bolts; the hot air furnaces had asbestos board installed above them, the rear section of the basement was completely bricked off and plated (metal-covered) doors were supplied at the entrances to this section of the basement space.

Eight classrooms were repainted during the year, two elementary classrooms and six rooms at the high school buildings, together with miscellaneous painting of corridors, offices and special rooms. A total sum of $14,798.41 was spent for Painting, Repairs and Replacements during the year.

At the high school, a Guidance Office was made from a former cloak room, the Women Teachers' Room was renovated, ventilated and equipped with new furnishings; worn out entrance doors at the foot of the ramp leading into the agriculture room were replaced with an overhead door; an extensive amount of miscellaneous electrical work was done; both high school buildings were equipped with "standby lights" as required by law.

*State Fire Marshal Aubrey Robinson, Deputy Fire Marshal Herbert Whitney, Fire Chief Merle Sargent, and Superintendent Rhoden Eddy spent nearly a whole day inspecting the elementary school buildings for their safety features during the summer. The recommendations of the Fire Marshals were approved by Chief Sargent. These recommendations vary in some respects from those made by the Civic Committee; all recommendations are being observed as funds are available, but the most pressing recommendations have rereceived immediate attention.

Several buildings and ground improvements remain. The Mechanic Street School grounds not only are disgraceful in appeaance, but valuable playground space is also being sacrificed because funds have not been available to do this work. At the other elementary school buildings, limited improvement in the appearance of the grounds is possible, but the rstricted areas of all playgrounds leave little space, if any, for grassed areas. Play areas are a problem; sand and gravel surfaces, especially when these materials are loose, are unsatisfactory for many obvious reasons. An effort is being made to find some soil—clay, perhaps—that can be mixed with the loose sand and gravel to produce a firmer, cleaner surface.

The high school buildings still remain without a communications system. Such a system is badly needed in a plant accommodating such a large pupil population. Rapid communication between the central office and every room is essential to safety, efficiency and a modern educational program.

The Civic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, previously referred to, recommended changes in the heating and ventilating system of the academic high school building. The needs have been recognized for some time, but the Committee's report emphasizes the situation. Specifically: the heating system should be "zoned" so that separate sections of the building may be heated independently of other sections of the building. There should be an improved system of ventilation. The hand-fired boilers should be converted to oil firing. The correction of these three deficiencies is highly desirable, but will involve a relatively large sum of money. Further recommendations concerned improved artificial lighting and moden decoration in the classrooms.* A plan similar to that used in improving the elementary school classrooms has already been inaugurated—that is, the reno-

vation of a few rooms each year.

*At long last the auditorium has been re-decorated, although not within the time period of this report.

SPECIAL REPORTS

This report would be over extended if reports from each specialized staff member and department were to be included. However, five such reports are presented here.

ADULT EDUCATION DIVISION

In 1954, the Laconia School Board joined the six thousand-odd public school systems of the United States to provide leadership in a new area of instruction, that of adult education.

For a number of years, some education for adults had been in operation in the community. Vocational classes were, from time to time, conducted; extension courses under the auspices of the University of New Hampshire had been held; private organizations, such as the American Red Cross and the New Hampshire League of Arts and Crafts were active in providing useful skills in certain areas.

The adult education machinery created by the School Board in 1954 had a four-fold aim, namely,

(1) to provide machinery for coordinating the educational opportunities already in operation.
(2) to make people aware of those opportunities through adequate publicity,
(3) to discover the educational needs and interests as yet unmet, and
(4) to provide opportunities for instruction in those areas.

To attempt to evaluate the success of the undertaking at the close of one year's operation is an extremely difficult, if not impossible, task. Achievement in the first two goals was considerably greater than anticipated. Leadership in coordinating the diverse educational opportunities seemed to be genuinely welcomed. The agencies already providing courses cooperated extremely well. The two local channels of communication, *The Laconia Evening Citizen* and *WLNH,* contributed most generously of both space and time for information and publicity purposes.

In evaluating the third aim, only moderate success can be claimed. Two attempts have been made to discover the educational needs and interests of the community. During the summer of 1954, a questionnaire was distributed through the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce. This past spring, a second questionnaire was circulated through the many community service clubs and organizations. In both instances, though the responses provided valuable asssitance in selecting the courses which have been given or are to be given in 1955-1956, the

volume of replies was less than that desired. It is difficult to obtain such information far in advance, and, yet, that information is essential in order to design a program which will meet the wishes and needs of the public.

Mrs. Aileen Dodge
Director of Adult Education

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

This report concerns itself with the graduates of June 1954. A total of 154 Seniors were presented their diplomas by School Board Chairman, Mr. Earle V. Kinsman, on June 14, 1954, at the high school auditorium. As is always the case, all 740 seats were taken and many friends of the graduates were unable to attend because of the small number of seats available.

The organizations of Laconia continue to give excellent support to our school program and again many valuable scholarships were awarded to deserving graduates. Local scholarships amounted to over $2,500 and in many cases this money provided the stimulus for graduates to go on to college who could not have otherwise found it possible to do post-secondary study. Scholarships were also received from leading colleges and universities who were desirous of obtaining particularly outstanding college candidates.

Of the 154 graduates, 66 went on to post-secondary training of some kind. Forty-five of the 66 went to four year colleges or universities and the balance entered vocational school programs. Twenty-eight entered the armed services, 47 are regularly employed and 13 of the girls are married.

Many of our graduates are found on the honor roll lists and are otherwise adding to the fine reputation which Laconia graduates have made for a number of years. Presently Laconia graduates are meeting with success at Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Bates, Colby, Smith, Mt. Holyoke, Middlebury, Annapolis, West Point, M. I. T., Colgate, Cornell, Brown, U.N.H., University of Vermont, the state teachers' colleges and many other advance schools of education.

We are particularly proud of those who go directly into industry or office work after graduation. Their terminal preparation seems adequate and good reports are forthcoming. The success of all these graduates is a credit to Laconia citizens who are providing these young people with their very excellent staff and are making it possible for the students of our schools to get the variety and quality of instruction so much needed in today's highly competitive economic and social life.

Donald F. Piper, Principal
Laconia High School

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Circulation of books:		1951-1952	14,810
		1952-1953	15,257
		1953-1954	15,283
		1954-1955	15,869
Number of pupils who have taken books:			928
Percentage of books borrowed by each pupil			17.91
Number of books in the library:			6,054
Number of books added this year:			
Gifts:	29		
Office	131		
Fund Jr. High	91		
Total		251	
Plus books previously unaccessioned		22	
		273	
Books discarded, worn-out or out-of-date		86	
Missing in inventory 3 years		16	
Money received from fines and lost books			$174.90

Laconia may well be proud of the unusually fine collection of books in its School Library. The storage space is an unsurmountable problem, however. We have the window ledges completely filled with books where sun and heat are destroying fine bindings; showcases are full; tables needed for student seating are crowded with books; the resources room shared with four teachers can scarcely hold one more magazine. The librarian has had to forbid teachers the use of the library for class research unless appointments are made at least a week in advance, as there is not sufficient seating capacity for everyone who wishes to use the library. Something will have to be done about this problem very soon.

It is recommended that a school textbook mending department be maintained under the supervision of the library and under a separate budget.

MIRIAM S. THOMAS, Librarian

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL NURSE

The following is a short report of the Health Services in the High School. The primary aim of the Health Services is to promote and maintain the physical, mental and emotional well-being of the students. The objective is to graduate a healthy, well-informed, and well-adjusted individual.

General health appraisal includes screening of vision and hearing, checking height, weight and posture, physical examinations by the school physician for athletic participation, the Patch testing program and the use of the mobile X-ray unit.

In planning for the care of the handicapped, use is made of the many facilities available to us, such as the Orthopedic Clinic, TBC Clinic, Child Guidance Clinic, the speech therapist and physiotherapist in the Cerebral Palsy Clinic. This year we were fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Imus, the school psychologist.

First aid care is also given by the nurse and all these procedures are done insofar as possible on an educational basis and are a continuation of the program carried out in the elementary schools.

Referrals and follow-up often necessitate home visiting and offer an opportunity to confer with the parents. The various social agencies and service clubs offer assistance, when needed, so that corrections may be obtained.

Because of the social and emotional problems of adolescence, much time is spent in counseling and guidance.

Contact with the teachers is important so that they may be aware of any disabilities the student may have, how to recognize insulin reaction in the diabetic student, early recognition of symptoms of communicable disease, etc.

Although most of the teaching by the nurse is of an informal nature, I do teach the Junior Course in First Aid, and have the opportunity to talk to classes in Human Relations, Sociology, and Family.

For the past five years I have been a co-sponsor of the Future Nurses of America. This club is open to any high school girl who may be interested in nursing as a vocation.

Any success of the Health Services Program in the High School is, I feed, due to the fine cooperation of all school personnel, administratoin, parents, and an interested community.

MARY C. JONES, R.N.

REPORT ON GIRLS PHYSICAL EDUCATION JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

I. Aims & Objectives:
   (A) Assist in development of child's physical, mental, social and emotional maturity.
   (B) Develop traits of cooperation and sportsmanship which will have a carry-over value to everyday life.
   (C) Provide knowledge and develop ability in activities which can be utilized during leisure time.

II. Needs:
   (A) The physical education program is hampered by the inadequacy of the facilities of the school.

(1) Facilities:
   a. Gymnasium
      1. Size—too small—both for class and spectator sports.
      2. Ventilation—practically non-existant.
      3. Availability—not available often for extra-curricular activities.
   b. Room 14
      1. Health and safety hazard.
         a. Size—too small.
         b. Hazards.
            1. Hanging lights.
            2. Pipes.
            3. Exposed radiators.
            4. Wire fixtures.
            5. Improper ventilation.
   c. Locker Room
      1. Room not large enough for number of girls using it at one time.
      2. Lockers inadequate.
      3. Showers—4 showers for classes of 25-35.

(2) Scheduling
   a. Because of the overall school facilities, the scheduling of physical education classes is necessarily poor.
      1. 7th and 8th grades grouped together.
      2. Grades 9, 10, 11 grouped together.
      3. Grade 12 omitted entirely.

III. Program Results
   (A) Scope and progress of physical education classes are not as good as desired because of necessity to alternate use of gymnasium and Room 14.
      1. Some classes never get to use the gymnasium at all every other week.
   (B) Intramural Program
      1. Covers a wide range of activitoes designed to meet a variety of interests.
         a. Most individual and dual sports and activities are included in this program because of lack of facilities or equipment for class work.

IV. Recommendations
   (A) Only one comment under this section—build a new school.

Director of Physical Education
James G. Noucas

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

The School Department operated on the following receipts for the school year 1954-1955:

Appropriation	$502,506.00
Bond Issue carry-over, Batchelder St. grounds*	3,400.00
Bond Issue carry-over, Outdoor Track, H.S.*	2,000.00
Area Vocational School Reimbursements, Federal (1)	6,347.47
Area Vocational School Reimbursements, State (1)	4,261.19
Tuition payments (2)	56,246.58
Miscellaneous receipts (3)	5,720.63
Total Funds Available	$580,481.88

*These funds were available in 1953-1954, but the work was done in 1954-1955. These were bond issues, not regular appropriation.

(1) Laconia High School is designated as an Area Vocational School by the State Department of Education. Pupils may attend this school, if they take agriculture, commerce, home economics, distributive education, even though the towns in which such pupils reside maintain their own high schools (but do not provide instruction in the subjects listed). Laconia receives both Federal and State reimbursements, mostly for teachers, and tuition of pupils, on account of the Vocational School. Of course, relatively large numbers of Laconia pupils are also enrolled in the courses listed.

(2) Approximately 139 senior high school tuition pupils
41 junior high school tuition pupils
5 elementary school tuition pupils

(3) Miscellaneous Receipts are derived from Rentals, Sale of Supplies (largely to shop pupils making their own projects), Sale of Maintenance Supplies to other city departments, etc. However, the figure given for this item ($5,720.63) also contains the amount of 3,193.02 received for Adult Education tuition; these receipts went directly to defer the cost of the adult education, in part.

Very respectfully submitted

Rhoden B. Eddy
Superintendent of Schools

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1954-June 30, 1955

	Senior H.S. IX-XII 32.9%	Junior H.S. VII-VIII 13.9%	Elem. Sch. Kdg.-VI 53.2%	Total Expend. 100%
BUDGET "A" OPER. PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS				
I. ADMINISTRATION (Prorated)				
1. Salaries, Dist. Officers	$ 203.32	$ 85.90	$ 328.78	$ 618.00
2. Sup't Salary (local share)	1,768.38	747.12	2,859.50	5,375.00
3. Attendance Officer (& Census)	526.40	222.40	851.20	1,600.00
4. Other Exp. of Admin.	548.60	231.78	887.10	1,667.48
5. Sec. & Clerical Sal.	2,477.91	1,046.90	4,006.82	7,531.63
6. Off. Tel., Mail, Off. Sup.	321.84	135.97	520.42	978.23
TOTAL ADMIN.	$ 5,846.45	$ 2,470.07	$ 9,453.82	$ 17,770.34
II. INSTRUCTION				
7. Teachers' Salaries	$170,109.15	$ 64,477.59	$139.651.51	$374,238.25
8. Textbooks	2,836.92	614.57	1,886.82	5,338.31
9. Pupils' Supplies	8,621.94	3,710.52	5,968.59	18,301.05
10. Other Exp. of Instruct'n	3,387.97	986.00	1,862.76	6,236.73
TOT. INSTRUCT'N	$184,955.98	$69,788.68	$149,369.68	$404,114.34
III OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT				
11. Janitors' Salaries	$ 10,323.82	$ 5,160.82	$ 9,899.00	$ 25,383.64
12. Fuel	2,593.10	1,296.56	7,153.90	11,043.56
13. Water, Elec., Gas	3,509.63	1,698.13	3,418.72	8,626.48
13a. Maintenance Supplies	2,103.67	1,052.40	3,047.48	6,203.55
13b. Other Exp. of Main.	253.33	126.81	158.02	538.16
TOT. OPERATION	$ 18,783.55	$ 9,334.72	$ 23,677.12	$ 51,795.39
IV MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT				
14. Paint'g & Decorat'g.	$ 2,356.68	$ 1,179.13	$ 1,157.50	$ 4,693.31
14a. Repairs & Replace's	4,228.72	2,036.84	3,839.54	10,105.10
TOT. MAINTEN.	$ 6,585.40	$ 3,215.97	$ 4,997.04	$ 14,798.41
V AUXILIARY AGENCIES				
15. School Nurses' Sal.	$ 2,066.80	$ 1,033.20	$ 4,150.00	$ 7,250.00
16. School Physician's Sal.	280.00	140.00	280.00	700.00
16a. Consultant Psychologist Salary	200.00	200.00	800.00	1,200.00
17. Dental Hygieniest Sal.	.00	250.00	1,000.00	1,250.00
18. Health Sup. & Exp.	79.05	33.52	40.50	153.07
19. Transportation	738.84	738.83	14,908.38	16,386.05
20. Other Spec. Activities	2,806.86	61.72	117.12	2,985.70
20a. Tuition-Handicapped	.00	.00	204.15	204.15
TOT. AUX. CHARGES	$ 6,171.55	$ 2,457.27	$ 21,500.15	$ 30,128.97

VI FIXED CHARGES				
21. Insurance	$ 1,631.08	$ 760.41	$ 1,327.55	$ 3,719.04
22. Teachers & Supt's Retirement	11,352.06	4,328.58	8,989.61	24,670.25
TOT. FIX. CHARGES	$ 12,983.14	$ 5,088.99	$ 10,317.16	$ 28,389.29
VII OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT				
23. Building Alterations	$ 955.98	$ 432.62	$ 2,992.80	$ 4,381.40
24. New Equipment	8,145.78	3,734.24	5,578.25	17,458.27
TOT. OUTLAY & NEW EQUIP.	$ 9,101.76	$ 4,166.86	$ 8,571.05	$ 21,839.67
TOTAL BUDGET "A"	$244,427.88	$ 96,522.56	$227,886.02	$568,836.41

BUDGET "B"—EXT. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

VIII Adult Education	
1a. Director's Salary	$ 2,000.00
1b. Teachers' Salaries	3,024.50
1c. Other Expenses	1,197.00
TOT. BUDGET "B"	$ 6,221.50

BUDGET "C"

IX BOND ISSUES	
1. Batchelder St. Gr'ds	$ 3,400.00
2. Board Track, High Sch.	2,000.00
TOT. BUDGET "C"	$ 5,400.00
Grand Total Net Expend.	$580,457.91
Returned to City	23.97
GRAND TOT. EXPEND.	$580,481.88

LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT

Cash on hand July 1, 1954			$ 864.00
Receipts			
Lunch Sales—Children	$23,053.10		
Lunch Sales—Adults	921.90		
		$23,975.00	
Reimbursement—Food		4,571.64	
Reimbursement—Milk		612.88	
Miscellaneous Cash		8,859.87	
Total Receipts			38,019.39
AVAILABLE TOTAL			$38,883.39
Expenditures			
Food		$27,642.98	
Labor		7,921.80	
Equipment		550.19	
Other		1,203.16	
Total Expenditures			$37,318.13
ACTUAL CASH BALANCE as of June 30, 1955			$ 1,565.26

Estimated value of food on hand ..... $ 799.60
N. H. Commodities received—valued at $5,500.18 at a cost to us of $196.57 for delivery charges.
86,988 meals served
82,472 meals reimbursable
2,948 free meals served

MAE H. CAVERLY, *Clerk*

LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Class of 1955

Esther Diane Adams
Patricia May Allen
Rosalie Olive Andrews
Patricia Janet Ayotte
James Evans Baker
Janice Jean Bastraw
Beverly Ann Bean
Priscilla June Beaulieu
Robert Kent Bickford
Paul Romeo Bilodeau
Michael Richard Binette
Donald Chester Blanchard
Claire Therese Blanchette
Arnold John Bolduc
June Patricia Bolduc
Madeline Anna Bowen
John Lincoln Breed, Jr.
Gerard Aime Breton
Mary Louise Brisse
Robert Edward Brown, Jr.
Jean Parker Campbell
Franklin Delaney Carrier
Robert George Casey
Irene Shirley Champagne
Barbara Marie Chase
Myrsine Georgie Christy
Richard Albert Clark
Wayne Earl Clow
Frank Frederick Corliss
Helen Louise Daigneau
Norma Arlene Davis
Russell Archie Davis, Jr.
Oliver Joseph Decormier
Ronald Edward Dockham
Donald Keith Dougal
Anita Antonia Drouin
Rena Annette Dulac
Sheila Madeleine DuPont
Cedric Stanley Flower
Beverly Anne Ford
Richard Kenneth Forster
Marlene Regina Fortin
Barbara Ann Gaudet
Martin Alois George, Jr.
John Leon Giguere
Rachel Winnefred Gordon
Dorothy Louise Guay
Priscilla Ruth Gurney
Melvyn Dexter Hale, Jr.
David Holman Harrington
Betty Marie Hawkins
Robert Wendell Hildreth
James Byron Hoey
Armand Roland Houle
Beverly Louise Huggins
Barry Townsend Hughes
Lawrence Worley Jackson
Marcia Joan Jones
Joan Jordan
Carolyn Marie Joyal
Elizabeth Ann King
Wayne George King
Joel Butman Knowles
Gertrude Ann Koerner
Richard Joseph Labbe
Richard Alfred Labrecque
Carl Emile LaFond
Irene Jeanette Lapointe
Marie Claire Laurette Lapointe
Armand Clayton Laramie
Jane Phelps Leavitt
Robert Polland Lemire
Barbara Anne Leonard
Diane Pauline Levasseur
Iulia Mae Livingston
Mary Jacqueline Lockwoow
Dorothy Muriel Lord
Donald Alexander MacIver
Carol Loy MacKay
Elaine Rita Martel
Willard Gordon Martin, Jr.
Lawrence Francis McCrea
Joseph Thomas McGonagle
Frances Barbara McKillop
Carol Jane Messer
Guy Burton Miller
Byron Austin Milliken
Ronald Eusebe Joseph Morin
Ann Gertrude Morrill
John Winfield Mudgett
Jane Ann Muehlke
Jane Edna Murgatroy

Audrey May Neal
Judith Nelson
Richard Ensign Ogden
Frances Margaret Louise O'Neill
Janet Anita Ouellette
Andre Herve Paquette, Jr.
Stephen David Victor Parent
Sally Judith Payne
David William Perkins
John Stephen Perley
James Eugene Perry
Lorraine Beverly Perry
Maurice Paul Perry
George Alfred Price
Jeannine Theresa Provencal
Bradford Ruf Quimby
Dexter Elmer Ramsay
David Scott Roeder
Arnold George Rollins
Edmund Philip Roucher, Jr.
Clarice Marie Rowe
Norma Evelyn Russell
David Lawrence Sanborn
Elden Harold Seeley
Ruth Mary Sewell
Michael Dennis Seymour
Carole Helene Stinson
Laurence John Stinson, Jr.
Edgar Norrell Swain
June Teresa Tardy
Richard Laurence Trombly
Michael Todd Wallace
Joanne Carol Watrous
Douglas Donald Watts
Patricia Helen Webber
Nancy Deborah Weeks
Richard Kenneth Weeks
Ronald MacKay Whittum
Eleanor Ann Williamson
Gloria Arlene Wilson
Winona Mae Witham
Barbara Elaine Zulofsky

PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Albert W. Head

GENERAL INFORMATION

According to various city reports, library trustees for nearly fifty years have emphasized the need of a children's room. The Morin administration deserves special credit for initiating action which should lead to actual construction. With the permission of that Council the income from the Gale estate, $3,000, was set aside as the nucleus of a building fund. Mayor Boutin and his Council realize the importance of work with children and are cognizant of the need for space to carry on this service. They have authorized the trustees to have an architect prepare plans for an addition to the building which will include a children's room with separate entrance. Basic needs also provide for a workroom, staff room, and toilet facilities. Optional plans include a small auditorium, sound proof music room, and space for adult group meetings which are now held in the recreation room where adequate heat is lacking. The trustees have always been grateful for the cooperation of the city executives, and trust that definite progress will be made before another year.

Fluorescent ceiling lights have been installed near the circulation desk and are enjoyed by both staff and patrons.

Rev. Thomas J. Cate was appointed a trustee to succeed Mrs. Marion Lawson who has moved to Pawtucket, R. I.

CHILDREN'S WORK

A miniature theatre was the theme for the summer reading club with names of the children listed as the cast. Each actor became a star performer when ten books were read. A marionette show officially opened and closed the reading program. Sixty-four children who enrolled in the club read a total of 700 books. Twenty-six film programs were scheduled during the winter months with attendance totaling 1,352. Book collections, selected by both teachers and students, were loaned to many classrooms. Pupils of one sixth grade read 700 books and displayed their illustrated reports at the library.

ADULT PROGRAM

During April library service extended to include an adult program. The recreation room, available for this purpose, was made

comfortably warm with a heating unit loaned by Mr. John Ruel. Entrance to this room was facilitated by the installation of a railing at the rear door. Members of the group planned the entertainment for several social gatherings which were well attended. The Council of Church Women and the Laconia Woman's Club offered assistance in promoting this project which in the future may become an active club for senior ciizens of the entire community.

GIFTS

The library appreciates the thoughtfulness of friends who have presented books, including several memorial volumes, during the past year. Many were received from the estate of Mrs. Lyman Marshall. Dr. E. P. Hodgdon left his library, with the exception of medical books, to the Goss Reading Room. A mahogany case, in memory of Mr. Max Chertok, a former library trustee, has been placed in Memorial Hall. This will be used for books and pictures pertaining to the early history of the city. Recordings have been received and are available to the public. The collection now totals 453 records, including many purchased especially for children's use. Mr. E. J. Roberts, who previously had given candle holders made of wood from the Eagle Hotel, has now donated a small trinket box made from a stair post in the old Willard Hotel. At a recent meeting of the Laconia Art Group, the president, Mrs. Dorothea Hilliard, presented to Mayor Boutin for the city a painting of the Matterhorn by Peter Vuilleumier. It was given in memory of Mr. Vuilleumier, local artist, and will hang in the library.

EXHIBITS

The public is indebted to Mrs. Marion Lawson for many unusual displays, the latest being choice ancient glass dating back to a period before Christ. Jewish Book Month, National Art Week, and United Nations Day were recognized with appropriate exhibits. Patrons were interested in tuberculosis seal posters loaned by Miss Marion Garland. During Children's Book Week, Joanne Gauthier loaned a collection of dolls from foreign lands. Wood carvings of Mr. Thomas Rhodes attracted much attention.

GALE PARK

Trees were seriously damaged during hurricane Carol last August 31st. One elm was shattered and several split by the force of the storm. The Forest Service and City Engineer recommended that repairs be made promptly to prevent future damage. Expense for tree surgery was not anticipated, but was partially met by funds allocated for flowers. This summer the public enjoys colorful geraniums due to Mr. D. D. Whittemore's generous offer to plant the large flower beds without charge. The corner at Main and Church Streets remains unchanged although there is the possibility that a minimum amount will be cut from the sidewalk to alleviate the traffic problem at that point. The trustees do not favor the suggestion that the flagpole be

moved, and are reluctant to have any of the lawn used to widen Church Street. Individually lighted shadow box scenes were used on the lawn during the Christmas season in connection with the "Welcome Home for the Holidays" program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

LIBRARY HISTORY

A brief history of the library, prepared for the program booklet published for the third Laconia Rotary show, is reprinted here by request.

"The roots of library service in Laconia extend far back into the past, for it was in 1803 that a group of prominent citizens of Meredith Bridge, now Laconia, met and organized the Meredith Bridge Social Library. It was not a public library, but was owned and governed by its members, called proprietors. The library was for many years located in the Avery block, now the Normandin block, on Main Street. Later it was moved into the Meredith Bridge Savings Bank building, the present Wein block. It came safetly through the fire of 1846, but met its fate in the big fire that swept Main Street in 1860. The case that housed the books was so large that it could not be moved from the burning building before fire broke into the room. This was the end of Meredith Bridge Social Library. With it went many old books and records that might have been of interest today. Two volumes from this early library and the record book of the proprietors, 1803-1837, may be seen in Memorial Hall.

In 1878, the first step toward establishing our present library was taken at a town meeting March 16th, when it was voted to raise $1,500 for a library. Trustees were appointed to select books, a room in the Folsom block (Laconia Savings Bank building) was rented for $100 a year, and a librarian was employed for $125. The library was opened to the public for the first time, March 1, 1879. Ten years later the library went into more adequate quarters in the Laconia National Bank building. In 1901 it was necessary to move, and temporary accommodations were found in the vestry of the Unitarian Church, where books were circulated until the Gale building was completed.

When Napoleon B. Gale died in 1894 his will provided $150,000 for a memorial building and park, the building to be used as a public library and historical museum. The matter was placed in the hands of a building committee. A lot was purchased and plans adopted for a building of granite to be known as the Gale Memorial Library. On June 9, 1903, it was dedicated with appropriate exercises and library service continued on a larger scale.

About 1890 several citizens of Lake Village organized a public library, located in the Clark block on Elm Street. In October 1891, the citizens of Lake Village voted to change the name to Lakeport, and the library became known as Lakeport Public Library. In 1893, Lakeport became Ward Six of Laconia, and in June 1903, the library was merged with Laconia

Public Library. Dr. Ossian Goss died in 1903, and his will provided for the Ossian Wilbur Goss Reading Room on the site of his ancestral home. In 1909, at the request of citizens of Lakeport, the Goss Reading Room became a branch of Laconia Public Library.

Mr. Gale's will specified a memorial hall for "historical treasures and works of art". Here may be seen many interesting collecions which have been loaned or given to the library. A fourth of the income from the Gale Estate is used each year to maintain and beautify the park surrounding the library. The flag pole at the corner of Main and Church streets was erected as a portion of the memorial to Mr. Gale. His portrait hangs in the reference room, and a bronze tablet testifies to the city's appreciation of his long-sighted bequest.

The need for a children's room was early recognized, but funds were not available. This has been a continuing need, and becomes more urgent each year. It is necessary to use a section of the reference room for children's books and furniture, thereby depriving the high school students of space they need for studying. Library service for children includes story hours, summer reading clubs, and film programs presented alternate Saturday mornings during the winter months.

The trustees feel a deep obligation to the interested friends who have left substantial sums of money to help develop the library. By vote of the 1954 city council permission was given the trustees to set aside a portion of the unrestricted income, and thus establish a fund for a children's room. It is the hope of the trustees that this fund may be augmented by gifts from friends and organizations.

Day after day, year after year, the library functions as an important educational agency, rendering valuable service to individuals, schools, and organizations. It stands as a fitting memorial to a man whose vision and generosity provided a lasting progressive institution for the citizens of Laconia."

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1954-1955

Circulation	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Laconia Public Library	35,912	24,075	59,987
Goss Reading Room	6,126	3,605	9,731
Total circulation	42,038	27,680	69,718
Books added	944	675	1,619
Books withdrawn	353	108	461
Total number of books			44,172
Total number of records			453

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, July 1, 1954		$ 42.67
Receipts		
City of Laconia	$25,770.10	

Gale Estate	2,908.81		
Goss Estate	1,000.00		
Interest	506.53		
Fines, Fees, etc.	1,582.09		
		31,767.53	
Total			$31,810.20
Expenditures			
Staff Salaries	13,867.70		
Longevity Bonus	705.60		
Extra Help	225.00		
Books	3,500.00		
Periodicals	527.44		
Binding	48.56		
Library Supplies	258.15		
Postage	106.26		
Printing	20.80		
Janitors' Salaries	4,508.08		
Longevity Bonus	30.00		
Building Supplies	159.75		
Building Repairs	387.42		
Water-Light	693.57		
Water-Light	693.57		
Fuel	1,037.94		
Travel-Training	36.70		
Telephone	337.30		
Insurance	120.90		
Children's Work	198.46		
Furniture	103.46		
Records	199.61		
Fees Returned	132.50		
Total expenditures		27,205.20	
Refund to City of Laconia		1,014.00	
Transferred to Gale Building Fund		3,528.00	
Balance on hand, June 30, 1955		63.00	
TOTAL			$31,810.20

GALE PARK
Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, July 1, 1954		$ 186.05	
Receipts			
Gale Estate	$ 969.60		
City of Laconia	1,751.95		
		2,721.55	
Total			$2,907.60
Expenditures			
Fertilizer	124.32		
Flowers	124.00		
Fountain Maintenance	83.24		

Gas & Oil	11.72		
Lawn Maintenance	87.31		
Miscellaneous	39.70		
Salaries	1,290.75		
Seed	8.90		
Trees	196.25		
Trucking	19.00		
Water	62.36		
Flags	76.26		
Power Mower	315.00		
Total Expenditures		2,438.81	
Refund to City of Laconia		165.00	
Balance on hand, June 30, 1955		303.79	
TOTAL			$2,907.60

HEALTH and SANITATION

CITY PHYSICIAN

The City Physician examines in Municipal Court those cases of intoxication brought in, being suspects or mandatory. The The City Physician treats patiens receiving welfare from the city, and attends all major fires to insure immediate care to those endangered.

SUMMARY

Police cases	102
Office calls	40
House calls	26
Hospital visits	54
Examinations for State Hospital (At request of City)	5
City operations	2

CITY NURSE

The City Nurse made 2001 calls for medical and surgical patients for the past year. The following is a summary of the visits:

Medical	1358
Surgical	358
Pre-School Children	77
Crippled Children	29
Post-natal	2
Infant care	68
Home visits	109

The City Nurse is responsible to the Board of Health for carrying out her duties.

Following is a summary of the Nurse's care to patients:

1. Chronic and medical patients
   a. Who require bedside nursing and treatment over a period of years.
   b. Patients who require limited treatment, nursing care, and advice.
2. Surgical Patients
   a. Visits in the home for surgical dressings following discharge from the hospital.
   b. More numerous service, establishment of early ambulatory routine for hospital patients.
3. Visits for Pre-natal and Post-natal infant care and instruc-struction.
4. Visits for instruction and care of crippled children.

HEALTH INSPECTOR

The Health Department performs he following duties:

1. MILK INSPECTION
   a. Milk plant inspection.
   b. Producer of farm inspection.
   c. Producer-dealer inspection.
2. MILK ANALYSIS
   a. Milk analysis of each and every farm producing milk to sell to Laconia area.
   b. Milk analysis of producer-dealers or farms producing, bottling, and selling their own milk.
   c. Analysis of the finished duct, i.e. pasteurized and homogenized milk.
   d. Milk being shipped from other localities, i.e. Manchester. (The analysis reports from other health departments are used to judge the quality of the milk.)
3. SLAUGHTER INSPECTION
   a. Examination of animals before slaughter to determine their physical condition.
   b. Inspection during slaughter.
   c. Post-mortem inspection of the various glands to determine any pathological abnormalities.
   d. Inspection of slaughter house.
      (1) Refrigeration.
      (2) Cleanliness.
      (3) Care of offal.

4. MARKET INSPECTION
   a. Garbage disposal.
   b. General cleanliness.
   c. Care of refrigeration.
   d. Methods of food handling.
   e. Display articles.
   f. Utensils and machine apparatus cleanliness.
5. RESTAURANT INSPECTION
   a. Employee cleanliness.
   b. Garbage disposal.
   c. Sterilization of dishes and other utensils.
   d. Storage of food.
   e. Toilet facilities.
   f. General cleanliness.
   g. Refrigeration.
   h. Hot water supply, et cetera.
6. CABIN COLONIES

Inspection this year revealed a general laxity in the operation of chlorinators. This being of vital importance, not only to the guest but to the operator, great stress has been made on their proper operation.

In general cabin colonies were in excellent condition.

7. WATER ANALYSIS

Beach samples are taken weekly to determine the standards of the water for swimming purposes.

Water samples are taken weekly of the City Water Supply to determine its safety for drinking purposes. The Water Company pays for this analysis to keep itself informed at all times of a safe supply of water for the public.

Samples of water from private wells are submitted for analysis.

NUISANCES, COMPLAINTS

Many complaints are registered with this department, ranging from garbage, sewage overflow, et cetera. Sewage overflow that flows into lakes is turned over to the Water Pollution Commission for action. Overflow not affecting the lakes is strictly a local problem.

A garbage ordinance was enforced this year. The cooperation of the public was far beyond expectations. It was a great stride for the better sanitation of Laconia, and the public should be thanked at this time for their assistance in cleaning the streets of their city.

BUILDING PERMITS

Permits are now signed by this department, after an inspection of the sewage facilities, especially those located on the lake shores. In this way septic tanks and dry wells do no have to be relocated after being installed. It is also a safety factor with regard to lake pollution.

LABORATORY SUMMARY

Number of Tests:

Bacteria Analysis (Raw milk, Grade A, pasteurized and homogenized milk

1. Raw plate	1380
2. Laboratory pasteurized	1380
3. Finished products	725
4. Coliform analysis	725
5. Sediment tests	554
6. Phosphatase tests	521
7. Butter fat tests	879
Total	3764
Water Analysis Total	168

Results of Tests:

Bacteria Count Averages

Producer samples of Grade A Pasteurized, and Homogenized milk	5,978
Producer-Dealer samples of raw	36,805
Laboratory pasteurized samples	4,824

Butter Fat Averages	
Grade A, Pasteurized and Homogenized milk	3.90
Raw Milk	4.31

MILK LICENSES

Markets	49
Restaurants	46
Dealers	10
Producer-Dealers	6

Budget Appropriation		$12,390.00
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency		20.00
TOTAL		$12,410.00
Expenditures:		
Equipment & Supplies	$ 180.88	
Longevity	120.00	
Mileage	700.00	
Milk & Cream	193.73	
Printing & Postage	52.40	
Salaries	10,866.25	
Supplies, City Nurse	60.56	
Telephone & Gas	152.28	
Travel	50.00	
Total Expenditures		$12,376.10
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency		33.90
TOTAL		$12,410.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

Succeeded by Lou Athanas, June 1, 1955
ARTHUR I. ROTHAFEL, *Director*

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Any report of Civil Defense activities in Laconia must be introduced by a statement having to do with the conception of Civil Defense in this specific locality.

Civil Defense in Laconia has been designed to protect the property and the welfare of the city's citizens against an enemy attack upon the nation as a whole. From the beginning it was felt that no such attack would be aimed specifically at a city as small as this one. Hence the Civil Defense plan conceived Laconia as a refugee center rather than as a target area.

The city was divided into five geographical districts. Administratively they were set up much in the manner of an Army Division. There was one central headquarters and each district had its own headquarters. In each of these as well as in the central headquarters a staff of Civil Defense officials was conceived. Each of these would operate independently under instructions from the main headquarters. They would have a District Captain, a District Auxiliary Police Chief, and a District Medical Advisor.

In cooperation with the Red Cross Disaster Plan each district would also have its own registration and housing service. A survey of the refugee housing availability potential was undertaken by the Lakeport Women's Club, which is still working on the project.

Upon the resignation of the former Auxiliary Police Chief, Lou Athanas was appointed to head this department. Under his painstaking and able guidance a new auxiliary police force numbering 100 was established. Equipment and uniforms were allocated by the City Government.

In the early Spring a concentrated drive was made to implement active members in the Ground Observer Corps. Some 450 residents of the city volunteered to do this work. The Ground Observer Corps tower has been maintained and repaired with funds also allocated by the City Government.

Practically all of this work was in the skeleton stage and remained in this stage pending action by the City Government regarding the purchase of Civil Defense warning sirens. It was the opinion of Arthur Rothafel, Civil Defense Director, that Civil Defense has to be under-

taken either wholeheartedly by the municipal government or not at all. It was his opinion that Civil Defense warning sirens were an absolute necessity in any Civil Defense organization and the setting up of its various parts into motion. Since the city government failed to appropriate money for the sirens, Mr. Rothafel submitted his resignation as Director.

Civil Defense Director Lou Athanas reports that the Nation-wide test on June 15th which Laconia participated in was admittedly the most successful test that Laconia has had to date. The Auxiliary Police Force also took part in the visit of President Eisenhower to Laconia. We now have a force which the City can use for any emergency and of which the citizens of Laconia can very well be proud.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Budget Appropriation		$500.00
Expenditures:		
Fuel	$ 65.00	
Lights	24.00	
Supplies & Postage	55.71	
Labor & Materials for Repairs	34.24	
Total Expenditures		$178.95
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency		321.05
TOTAL		$500.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE COMMISSION

Kenneth D. Hopkins, *Chairman*
Guy C. Richards, *Clerk*
Atty. F. E. Normandin
Charles E. Dunleavy, *Chief*
Norman P. Drouin, *Deputy*

Annual Report of the Chief of Police for Year Ending January 31, 1955

ARRESTS:

Male	579
Female	24
Total number of arrests	603

CAUSES OF ARRESTS:

Allowing unlicensed person to operate	3
Arrested for out of town town officers	5
Assault	10
Assault on an officer	4
Arson	1
Bastardy	1
Breaking & entering & larceny	7
Carrying concealed weapon	3
Contributing to juvenile delinquency	9
Deserts, Army & Navy	6
Disorderly person	12
Drunkenness (Resident)	104
Drunkenness (non-resident)	31
Escaped convicts	8
Evading room rent	1
Evading taxi fare	1
Falsifying age to get beer	1
Failing to stop for school bus	1
Failing to keep to the right of the road	5
Failing to have car registered	9
Failing to stop after an accident	10
Failing to stop at stop sign	17
Following too close	1
Giving beer to minors	2
Insane persons	11
Larceny	21
Lascivious behavior	1
Lewdness	2
Misuse of plates	3
Neglecting to stop for officers' signal	2
Non-support of family	5
Offensive language	3
Obstructing traffic	1
Obstructing sidewalk	1
Obscene pictures	1
Operating auto without muffler	1
Operating auto without license	27
Operating auto recklessly	14
Operating auto under the influence of liquor	55
Operating auto without brakes	7
Operating auto without proper lights	2
Operating auto after license had been revoked	5
Operating truck without red flag	1
Operating overloaded truck	2
Overspeeding auto	130
Passing over center line	15
Passing worthless checks	2
Procuring liquor for minors	5
Parked in no parking area	1
Passing red light	2
Parking violations in court	14
Putting rubbish in street	1
Selling liquor to minors	3
Selling mortgaged property	4
Resisting an officer	1
Taking auto without owner's permission	1
Throwing bottles in street	2
Uninspected auto	2
Vagrant	2
Violation of city ordinance	1
Total	603

HOW DISPOSED OF:

Appealed to Superior Court	1
Bail forfeited	3
Bound over to Superior Court	13
Committed to House of Correction	26
Committed to State Hospital	11
Complaints placed on file	35
Complaints nol-prossed	4
Continued for sentence	12

Delivered to out of town officers	11
Discharged by the court	16
Paid fines	435
Suspended sentences	36
Total	603

INCIDENTAL SERVICES:

Auto accidents reported	147
Assistance rendered	172
Assistance to out of town officers	65
Autos reported stolen	13
Autos reported stolen recovered	13
Burglaries reported	13
Complaints received and investigated	1684
Fires attended	17
Fires extinguished without alarm given	1
Fires discovered and alarm given	4
Larcenies reported	72
Lost children restored to parents	27
Number of persons furnished lodging	97
Police radio calls	2576
Store doors & windows found open and secured	1601
Street lights reported out	724
Blood relays for Laconia Hospital	18
Telephone duty calls	36112
Telephone calls received from watchmen	39900

PARKING VIOLATIONS 4006

Fees collected from violations	$2003.00

MUNICIPAL COURT

Budget Appropriation			$3,400.00
Receipts:			
Fines		$16,304.40	
Parking Violations		2,697.50	
Small Claims		451.90	
Writs & Entry Fees		.97	
Total Receipts			19,454.77
TOTAL			$22,854.77
Expenditures:			
City Physician—Examinations		$ 205.00	
Salaries:			
Justice	$1,800.00		
Justice—Small Claims Fees	253.00		
Special Justice	200.00		
Clerk	600.00		
Clerk—Small Claims Fees	63.25		
Probation Officer	300.00		
Total Salaries		3,216.25	
Small Claims—Mailing		97.26	
State of N. H.:			
Fish & Game Dept.	351.00		
Motor Vehicles Dept.	6,759.00		
Unemployment Compensation Bureau	27.00		
Total Paid to State of N. H.		7,137.00	
Supplies		201.75	
Travel		60.00	
Total Expenditures			$10,917.26

To Estimated Revenue	10,000.00
To Excess & Deficiency Account	1,937.51
TOTAL	$22,854.77

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Budget Appropriation	$96,968.75	
Appropriation from Parking Meter Fund	5,800.00	
Total Appropriation		$102,768.75
Balance Carried from 1953-54 Budget		2,419.24
Receipts:		
Auto Expense	$ 290.20	
Equipment	8.68	
Lunches, Travel & Conventions	6.00	
Salaries	371.02	
Uniform Allowance	18.50	
Total Receipts		694.40
TOTAL		$105,882.39
Expenditures:		
Auto Expense	$2,490.80	
Equipment	618.47	
City Lockup Supplies	121.73	
Labor & Material for Repairs	2.40	
Longevity	1,680.00	
Lunches, Travel & Conventions	192.99	
Printing	141.02	
Miscellaneous & Contingencies	46.00	
Radio & Professional Services	94.33	
State of N. H. Retirement	3,604.46	
Sick Leave	403.94	
Salaries	83,579.20	
Supplies	634.87	
Telephone, Postage & Contingencies	2,046.49	
Uniform Allowance	1,280.92	
Capital Outlays	971.55	
Total Expenditures		$97,909.17
Balance Carried to 1955-56 Budget		755.02
To Excess & Deficiency		7,218.20
TOTAL		$105,882.39

FIRE PROTECTION

Merle B. Sargent	*Fire Chief*
Arthur Plourde	*First Assistant Engineer*
Raymond Tefft	*Second Assistant Engineer*
George Tarlson	*Third Asssitant Engineer*
Allen G. Veazey	*Member-at-large*

FIRE COMMISSION

Appointed June 27, 1955
Arthur C. Trombly
Allen G. Veazey
Arthur R. Plourde

ANNUAL REPORT OF LACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Hon. Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor:

Dear Sir:

The following is a brief summary of the activities of the Fire Department for the year 1954.

		KIND OF FIRE							
	No. of Alarms	Dwelling	Store	Factory	Garage	Brush	Misc.	Estimated Loss	Ins. Paid
Jan.	30	23	1	2			4		10,784.20
Feb.	18	13					5		119.50
March	34	15	3			11	5		1,519.69
April	47	11			1	26	9	2,000	7,628.52
May	25	14		1		3	7		71.45
June	18	8					8		2,102.23
July	19	5		1	1	3	9		6,165.89
Aug.	30	9		1		8	12		762.40
Sept.	18	9	1		2		6		464.62
Oct.	29	14	2			2	11		24,382.45
Nov.	22	14				4	4		1,022.50
Dec.	27	16	2	1		1	7		7,064.94
Totals	315	151	9	6	4	58	87	2,000	62,088.39

Number of men in Department: Officers 12; Firemen 57	Total 69
Appropriation for year	$84,961.76
Expense for year—Salaries	$67,986.42
Population	14,722
Cost of Fire Protection per Capita	$5.77
Fire Loss per Capita	$4.22

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Sargent, *Chief*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Budget Appropriation		$84,634.62
Balance Carried From 1953-54 Budget		327.14
Receipts:		
Gasoline	$1,920.29	
Supplies	116.05	
Insurance	12.07	
Refund	1.25	
Total Receipts		2,049.66
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency		7,285.00
TOTAL		$94,296.42
Expenditures:		
Administration of Fire Prevention Ordinance	$ 782.79	
Batteries for Trucks	44.13	
Equipment	87.50	
Fire Alarm—Labor, Materials & Maintenance	186.61	
Fire Inspection	175.00	
Fuel, Oil & Coal	1,707.67	
Gas	52.66	
Gasoline	2,530.56	
Insurance—Accident	318.20	
Laundry	135.14	
Lights & Power	1,016.21	
Longevity	360.00	
Lunches, Travel & Conventions	30.47	
N. H. Motor Vehicles Inspection	9.17	
Office Expense	7.10	
Oil for Trucks	10.20	
Radio Maintenance	124.68	
Salaries	67,599.09	
State of N. H. Retirement	2,465.28	
Station Maintenance—Labor	70.40	
Station Maintenance—Materials	289.48	
Supplies	873.73	
Telephone	845.90	
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	1,278.57	
Uniform Allowance	1,054.28	
Water	73.30	
Capital Outlays	10,440.18	
Total Expenditures		$92,568.30
To Excess & Deficiency		1,605.26
Balance Carried to 1955-56 Budget		122.86
TOTAL		$94,296.42

PLANNING

Members of the Planning Board

Alphonse J. Morin, *Chairman*
Norman P. Randlett
William W. Keller
Henry I. Burbank
Howard DeCoster
Robert J. Clairmont

Ex-officio:

Bernard L. Boutin, *Mayor*
Hugh H. Bownes, *Councilman*
Arnold J. O'Mara, *City Engineer*
Leonard F. Hubbard, *A.I.P., Planning Director and Secretary to the Board*

During the past year, the office of the Planning Board has engaged in a multitude of activities dealing both with city-wide problems and with problems of individuals related to the city ordinances.

For the Mayor and Council a report was made on city purchasing procedures in two other major cities of the state. A report was also made of personnel management practices and regulations.

Preceding the establishment of the new Fire Commission, a survey and report was made relating to Fire Department organizations and their managements in all other New Hampshire cities. Aid was given in the administration of the fire protection ordinance, and a series of site studies was drawn up in relation to the location of the Lakeport Fire Station which is now under construction.

In the work toward acquisition of the Laconia Water Company, data was constantly supplied to the city's engineer regarding the water distribution system, the street pattern, and distribution of consumers.

For the groups involved in school studies, a number of site studies were made and various maps and data supplied, a service which is being continued as the studies are advancing especially in relation to the High School site problem.

With the rejuvenation of the Pearl Street playground and its change to Memorial Park, a basic plan for development for active and passive recreation was prepared. It sought to provide facilities for active and passive recreation encompassing a broad range of age goups, including space for fireplaces and picnic tables, for swings and merry-go-round, for sandboxes, benches, and horse-shoe pitching.

When it was decided to seek a small facility for offstreet parking at the Weirs, cooperation with the City Engineer's office helped develop the new 90-car parking lot situated off Tower Street. In the

downtown area, a recommendation was forwarded to the Mayor and Council to develop an offstreet parking lot through a lease arrangement on State-owned land off Fair Street. This facility, to accommodate in excess of 100 cars, is presently under construction. Through cooperation with the Police Department, it was arranged to convert angle parking to parallel parking at the most critical area in Casino Square, with a resulting improvement in traffic flow and a lessening of the accident potential. The New Salem Street congestion is one of several traffic problems currently under study.

Again in connection with downtown parking, the Planning Board recommended increasing the size of the City Hall parking lot through acquisition of land adjoining the lot and containing a group of outmoded residential structures fronting on Water Street. The space thus proposed to be made available would accommodate approximately 40 cars.

At the request of the Council a proposed sidewalk ordinance was drawn up after a survey of sidewalk financing practice in other New Hampshire cities. This ordinance would require that the City and the abutting owner share the cost of new sidewalk construction on an even basis. The ordinance was fully considered but failed of passage.

Besides these phases of activity, the office of the Planning Board has continued to serve the people in supplying map sketches and information relating to zoning and individual problems of land development. The demand for these services has increased as land is being intensively developed, both residential city lots and outlying land being developed for recreation purposes. As a result of acquaintance with the questions arising from interpretation of the zoning ordinance where the language is not clear or loopholes appear to exist not consistent with the original intent, a body of experience has been built up which should be useful in the revision of that document.

PLANNING BOARD

Budget Appropriation		$6,670.00
Receipts:		
Telephone Reimbursement	$ 15.90	
Sale of Maps	35.00	
Total Receipts		50.90
Transfer In From Excess & Deficiency		75.00
TOTAL		$6,795.90
Expenditures:		
Equipment	$ 8.00	
Printing & Copy	21.14	
Salary—Clerical	34.40	
Salary—Director	5,500.00	

Supplies	99.62	
Telephone, Postage & Contingencies	216.07	
Travel	186.49	
Car Allowance	71.34	
Total Expenditures		$6,137.06
To Excess & Deficiency		658.84
TOTAL		$6,795.90

ZONING

Jason C. Sloan, *Chairman*
J. Alfred Paquette
John H. Dow
Bernard P. Emery
Rene J. Gilbert
Leonard F. Hubbard, *Clerk*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the past year, the Zoning Board of Adjustment has handled fourteen major problems. Of these, twelve were petitions for variances from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance and two were requests for conditional uses permitted within the framework of this legislation. Two of the petitions were denied by the Board.

The petitions which were granted brought about improvements on the several properties where it was felt that the requests did not, among other things, violate the spirit of the ordinance.

In some places in the city, persons complained of a lack of information about the regulations pertaining to signs when enforcement was affected. Therefore, the Board recommended to the Planning Board that publicity be given to the existing regulations, and this was done by appropriate newspaper notice.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Budget Appropriation		$ 450.00
Receipts—Hearing Fees		100.00
TOTAL		$ 550.00
Expenditures:		
Advertising	$ 105.93	
Mileage	6.06	
Printing & Postage	11.91	
Salary—Clerical	75.00	
Total Expenditures		$ 198.90
To Estimated Revenue		100.00
To Excess & Deficiency		251.10
TOTAL		$ 550.00

Board of Public Works

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a report of the Public Works Department for the fiscal year of July 1, 1954 to July 1, 1955.

STREET SURFACING

One of the major projects undertaken in 1954 was the repaving of Veterans Square, the business section of Pleasant Street and Main Street from Pleasant to Court Street. A base course of plant mixed, hot laid asphalt, 1-½″ in thickness, was laid over the old pavement. Following this, water gates, gas drips, catch basins and sewer manholes were raised to an etablished grade, and a 1-½″ surface course of asphalt was laid. The paving was done by contract with L. M. Pike & Son, the low bidder. Work was started on September 7th and was scheduled for completion in one and a half weeks. However, rainy weather interrupted and delayed progress of the work and it was completed September 24th. The bid price was $9.33 per ton for the material laid in place, with a total of 2,390 tons of asphalt used. The cost of the project, including engineering, inspection, labor and materials for raising castings was $24,639.99, of which amount the State of New Hampshire paid one half.

Settlement of a water main trench on Gilford Avenue made it necessary to resurface that section of the street from Union Avenue to Highland Street. The surface of the trench was raised and the entire width was paved with 2″ of asphaltic concrete. The Laconia Water Company reimbursed the City for a part of the cost of the work done.

Approximately 83,000 gals. of MC3 liquid asphalt and 3,300 tons of sand were applied in resurfacing 330,000 sq. yds. of our gravel base streets, at a cost of .078 per sq. yd.

SIDEWALKS

Asphalt sidewalks were built on the south side of Walker Street from Union Avenue to Butler Street, on the north side of Lewis Street, north side of Clark Avenue, south side of Cook Court and on Main Street from the Legion Home to the entrance to Opechee Park.

Four thousand square yards of worn sidewalks were resurfaced at a cost of one dollar per square yard.

SEWERS

The sanitary sewer on Winter Street was extended to provide service for new homes under construction on Winter Street extension.

It is planned in 1955 to complete construction of a sewer in the

Lawrence, Rowe, California Court areas and on Mill Street to the river, together with a pumping station at Lawrence Court and a force main to the existing sewer on Court Street.

Federal and State of New Hampshire funds will finance the reconstruction of North Main Street from Oak Street to the Meredith Center road. The project is scheduled to get underway in 1956 and to be completed in 1957. In view of the building expansion along North Main and adjacent streets, the sanitary sewer should be extended to these areas and built prior to or as part of the road contract. This sewer will especially be necessary if a site for the new high school is selected on North Main Street, on the County Farm property, as has been proposed.

The need for a sanitary sewer on the Weirs Boulevard (Route 3) becomes more acute each year as additional cottages, motels and cabins are built along this highway. The soil structure of property bordering the boulevard is hard pan, clay and rock and is not conducive to efficient operation of septic tanks. In order to remedy present conditions, a sewer should be built from Clark Avenue in Lakeport to the Weirs bridge and an extension built on Route 11B to the White Oaks Road.

GENERAL

Two tenths of a mile of the Daisy Gardner road was reconstructed with Town Road Aid funds. These funds are derived from the state tax on gasoline. A determined amount is allocated each year to towns and cities to improve their Class V roads, provided the cities or towns appropriate a sum set by the state. Drainage culverts were installed, sharp curves eased, the surface of the road gravelled and asphalted to provide a 20' roadway for vehicles.

The Batchelder Street school grounds were improved with the construction of a cement concrete retaining wall along the property line on Pine Street. A surface drain was built and the play area was filled and graded to the top of the retaining wall. A six-foot chain link fence was erected on the wall the length of the property on Pine Street. This project provided a larger area for the school children's outdoor activities as well as protection from the traffic on Pine Street, a heavily travelled highway.

The southerly end of Rowell Street was extended to meet Batchelder St., thereby eliminating a dead end street and opening up property for development. Since the street was extended, three new homes have been built and are occupied and another is under construction.

Chapin Terrace, Windmill Lane and Morningside Drive were accepted and laid out by the City, increasing our street system by .45 of a mile.

Spraying of elm trees was continued in 1954. One application of DDT solution was found sufficient this year to keep the elm leaf beetle under control. We have made examinations of our elms and have not found, as yet, any evidence of the Dutch Elm disease in Laconia. This disease, which proves fatal to an elm when it strikes, has been found in surrounding communities of the state, but as yet we are free of it.

Funds were made available for the improvement of Opechee Park. The Rudzinski lot, so-called, on Main Street, which adjoins the park property and purchased by the City in 1952, was cleaned of lumber, sawdust and concrete foundation walls, the remains of an ice house formerly situated on the site. A brook running through the property from Main Street to Lake Opechee was enclosed in a concrete culvert and 2,000 cubic yards of fill were hauled in to grade the property. The surface was loamed and seeded and a chain link fence was extended to completely enclose the property. In June 1955 the area was landscaped with Norway and Schwedler Maples, Red and Austrian Pines and Dark Arborvitae.

Three thousand cubic yards of sand were hauled in to enlarge the beach at the swimming area and to replace material carried into the lake by high water and wave action.

Picnic tables were installed on "The Point", an additional fireplace was built and the existing fireplace remortared. The grove of pines were thinned out and replanted. Rocks which were removed from the lake were placed along the northerly and easterly shore line to prevent further scouring of the beach.

A circular asphalt driveway for one way traffic was built from the club house to Main Street and areas either side of the roadway were provided for parking. Barriers were installed extending from the bathhouse to Main Street to separate the beach from the parking area.

Several meetings were held during the year with members of the Weirs Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor and the City Council regarding the parking problem at The Weirs during the summer months. The advantages and disadvantages of various sites for a parking area were discussed and it appeared that the consensus of opinion was that the N. H. Veterans Asociation property, off Lakeside Avenue, offered the best possibilities, it being a sizeable area and centrally located to the business section of The Weirs. The City Engineer was instructed by the Mayor to prepare plans and an estimate for the construction of a parking lot on this site. A survey of the property was made and a plan for a parking lot that would accommodate 300 automobiles was submitted to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration. The estimate for building the parking lot, exclusive of land acquisition costs was $55,000, or $183.00 plus, per parking space.

A working agreement was executed between the City and representative of the Public Works Department, Local 534, A. F. of L. Two changes were made to the former agreement; first, the present agreement is to be in effect for a period of two years, instead of one, with the privilege of the employes to negotiate with the City at the end of the first year on the matter of wages only; second, the employees were granted a forty-hour work week with no reduction in wages.

On August 31st, Laconia was visited by Hurricane Carol. Rain and wind reaching gale velocity struck the City. Rain came early in the morning and continued throughout the day, with exceptionally heavy rain in the afternoon. It was reported that 5.12″ of rain had fallen during the hurricane. Trees, utility poles and wires were blown down, and in many parts of the city streets and cellars were flooded and some of our outlying gravel roads were washed out. Our crews worked for many days removing limbs, trees, bricks and other debris from the highway. Before we had completed a clean-up of our streets, Hurricane Edna hit us on Saturday, September 11th. Heavy rains again swelled the brooks to overflowing but the hurricane veered out to sea, and as a result we suffered but little wind damage. However, many of our streets were again flooded and a number washed out, and it was about two weeks before all repairs were made, the streets cleaned and back to normal again. The cost of cleaning up and repairing damages resulting from the two hurricanes was $7,136.34.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold J. O'Mara
City Engineer
Superintendent of Streets

FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 1954-55
Showing in detail receipts and expenditures
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriations & Balances	$201,222.04
Received from:	....
Allen-Rogers Corporation, refund	2.25
Avery, Martin, labor on sewer	8.14
Ayers, Charles, drain connection	131.36
Belisle, Alex, sewer connection	202.90
Bisson, Wm., drain connection	1,480.93
Blackery, O., tree spraying	1.00
Blais, Meleda, sewer connection	92,59
Bosse, Leo P., pipe	14.00
Bourgault, Leopold, soil pipe	38.50
Breezy Hill Farms, harnesses	20.00
Burdette, John D., labor and material	19.65
Busque, Joseph, sewer connection	77.53
Carlson, Robert N., sewer connection	31.74
Champoux, Joseph, sewer connection	73.31
City of Laconia	
Bond Issue March 3, 1954	
Opechee Park Improvement	11,175.79
Rowell Street Improvement	2,331.07
Winter Street Sewer Extension	2,419.13
Winter Street Drain Extension	3,894.55
Union Avenue Drain	651.16
Purchase of Equipment	13,591.45
Bond Issue Oct. 4, 1954	
Lewis Street Walk	496.27
Clark Avenue Walk	813.12
Main Street Walk at Legion	975.00
Opechee Park Entrance	378.00
Walker St. Walk	476.05
Cook's Court Walk	771.99
Bond Issue Dec. 20, 1954	
Purchase of Equipment	11,000.00
Bond Issue Account	
Batchelder St. School Grounds Impr.	3,400.00
Jefferson St. Drain	269.05
Sanitary Sewerage Fund	27,648.77
Capital Reserve (Purchase of Equip.)	3,925.76
Miscellaneous Accounts	
Endicott Park Improvement	911.43
E&D Account	283.32
Misc.	258.69
Parking Meter Fund	1,557.46
Weirs Boardwalk	1,223.21
Clough, Arthur F., setting curb	3.54
Collard, Thomas J., cement bounds	73.50
Collins, Ralph, pipe	7.50
Davis, Leon, sewer connection	93.21
Deforge, Richard, sewer connection	54.52
Doane, Lester, drain connections	50.24

Dorval, Roland (Texaco Station), labor	9.07
Dubrule, Paul, labor and material	6.78
Dunleavy, Chas. E., labor and material	25.83
Emmons, Earle, spray trees	5.00
Garneau, Eugene, spray trees	2.00
Gas Service, Inc., labor and material	767.77
Gigas, Chester, scale	5.24
Gilbert, Eugene, sewer connections	110.26
Gilbert, Rene, sewer connections and drain connections	376.27
Gilbert, Wilfred J., sewer and drain connections, equip.	686.56
Goodwin, John F., sewer connection	84.12
Gozonsky, Harry, junk	32.00
Greenlaw, Sherwin, material	3.25
Hawkins, Merton L., material, sewer connection	36.57
Head, George, spray trees	3.00
Heinis, Louis, harness, horse blankets	57.00
Hill, Arthur, horse blankets	10.00
Hodgdon, Kenneth, sewer connection	4.35
Holy Name Association, spraying	15.00
Hounsell, C. H., spray tree	1.00
Huse, Walter D., drain connection	54.20
Isabelle, Alma, sewer and drain connections	134.29
Isabelle, Oscar A., gravel, sewer connections	113.90
James, Helen F., spray trees	3.00
Jacques, Maurice, sewer connection	65.51
Jordan, Gaston, spray trees	6.00
Keroack, Lucien, labor and material	39.53
Kimball, J., spraying	1.00
Laconia Airport Authority, labor	85.60
Laconia Fire Department, labor and material	51.16
Laconia Hospital, labor and material	276.41
Laconia Industrial Development Corp., sewer connection	336.43
Laconia Park Department, labor, material, sewer connection	2,239.50
Laconia Police Department, labor and material	236.75
Laconia Rotary Club, labor and material	509.81
Laconia Water Co., labor and material	666.42
Laurent, Noel, drain connection	21.59
Lecoeur, Mrs. Cecile, remove curb	15.11
Levasseur, Elie, spray tree	1.00
Locke, G., spray trees	1.00
Long, Arlene, spray trees	4.00
Lord, William, Attorney, blue prints	3.60
Luneau, Alfred, spray trees	2.00
Lydiard, Edward, spray trees	2.00
McCrillis, Neil, material	3.00
McDonough, John, asphalt	25.00
McGee, Frederick, sewer connection	32.02
McIntyre, Thomas J., pipe	120.00
McKinley, George H., spray tree	1.00
McLaughlin, Agnes, Mrs., spray tree	1.00
Maheux, Juliette, sewer connection	83.44
Mayo, James D., remove curb	19.67
Morin, J. J., labor and material	57.87
Muzzey, Helen, Mrs., sewer connection	77.86
Mowers, C. F. (Material-Health Dept.)	70.23
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., labor and material	118.98

Nick, Daniel, junk	90.00
Northern Heating & Plumbing, sewer connection, pipe	154.78
Pendleton Beach Assn., labor and material	251.22
Perkins, Guy, horse collars	10.00
Perry, George, sewer conn., pipe	36.82
Pickering, Ernest, spraying	1.00
Pierce, T. Raymond, cold patching	67.17
Pike, L. M. & Son, material	238.00
Poire, Ronald, sewer connection	5.00
Proctor, Lewis, horse collar, material	4.00
Public Service Co. of N. H., labor, pipe	50.47
Quimby, Ralph, telephone call	.66
Richards, Harold, spray trees	2.00
Robinson, Oliver, horse blanket, hay	35.40
Rollins, Lena, drain connection	3.46
Roulier, Paul R., apron	22.50
Roux, Armand, sewer connections	277.25
Roux, Philip, spray trees, sewer connection	120.14
Sanborn, Barbara L., sewer connection	75.92
Sanborn, Frank H., labor and material	14.51
Scott & Williams, cement, park benches	292.15
Serra, Frank, sewer connection	23.13
Shumway, Ada, spraying	1.00
Simmons, Charles, sewer connection	96.42
Simpson, Edward W., tile pipe and bend	4.50
Smith, Harry L., tape, plumb bob	23.07
State of N. H.-Reimbursable T.R.A., labor & equipment	9,048.20
State of N. H.-Gas Tax Refund	1,275.05
State of N. H.-Labor	35.20
State of N. H.-Reimbursable Class IV Roads, labor & equipment	1,371.60
Sturm, Frank W. Const. Co., pipe	4.90
Sturrock, David M., sewer connections	378.79
Swenson, Paul, labor and material	15.50
Tardif, Archie, sewer connection	164.92
Tardif, Armande, spray tree	1.00
Tefft, Harold E., salt, labor, drain conn.	208.39
Tibbetts, Maurice, labor	3.09
Tilton, Elmer, spray trees	10.00
Town of Meredith, labor	93.37
Trapp, Judge Harry E., spray trees	4.00
Valliere, J. H. Co., pipe, labor and material	136.93
Van de Carr (Socony-Vacuum Oil), telephone call	.15
Varey, Richard, spray trees	15.00
Vose, Wm. R., Jr., spray trees	7.00
Walker, B. G., sewer connection	64.91
Weeks, John, sewer connection	121.61
Wescott, Harold E., frames and grates	50.00
Whitcomb, Arthur Construction Co., sweeping	27.14
White, Reginald, sewer and drain connection	110.79
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$314,918.78
Weirs Parking Lot (Reimbursable from Parking Meter Fund)	3,296.91
Endicott Park (Reimbursable from Weirs Beach Account)	624.34
	$318,840.03

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND (OTHER REVENUE)
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Showing in detail cash receipts for year ending June 30, 1955

Cash received from:

Ballou, Howard, rebate	1.00
Belisle, Alec, sewer permits	10.00
Bisson, Adolph P., plumbing licenses	1.00
Blais, Meleda, sewer permit	5.00
Bourgault, Leopold, plumbing licenses	2.00
Bowen, Howard E., plumbing licenses	1.00
Busque, Joseph, sewer permit	5.00
Carlson, Robert N., sewer permit	5.00
Champoux, Joseph A., sewer permit	5.00
Collins, Ralph, sewer permit	5.00
Davis, Leon, sewer permit	5.00
Richard Deforge, sewer permit	5.00
Decelles, George A., plumbing license	.50
Foster, Walter W., plumbing license	.50
Gilbert, Eugene, sewer permits	15.00
Gilbert, Rene, sewer permits	25.00
Gilbert, Wilfred J., sewer permits	10.00
Gill, Simon U., plumbing licenses	1.00
Gillooly, George F., plumbing license	.50
Goodwin, John F., sewer permit	5.00
Guba, Frank, plumbing licenses	1.00
Gpennette, Clarence E., plumbing licenses	1.00
Hampshire Oil Co., sewer permit	5.00
Harvey, Loran D., plumbing license	.50
Hawkins, Merton L., plumbing licenses, sewer permit	7.00
Isabelle, Alma, sewer permit	5.00
Isabelle, Oscar, sewer permits	10.00
Jacques, Maurice, sewer permit	5.00
King, Lucien, sewer permit	5.00
Labranche, Albert, plumbing license	.50
Labranche, Leon, plumbing license	.50
Laconia Industrial Development Corp., sewer permit	5.00
Landry, Alphonse J., sewer permit, plumbing licenses	6.00
Landry, Arthur, plumbing license	.50
Landry, Raymond P., sewer permit	5.00
Landry, Raymond, plumbing licenses	1.00
Lapointe, Lillian, Mrs., sewer permit	5.00
Lapointe, Lucien, plumbing license	.50
McGee, Frederick, sewer permit	5.00
Maheux, Juliette, sewer permit	5.00
Monroe, Stanley B., plumbing licenses	2.00
Morin, Arthur, plumbing license	.50
Morin, J. J., plumbing licenses	4.00
Morin, Sylvio B., plumbing licenses	1.00
Muzzey, Helen, Mrs., sewer permit	5.00
Noyes, Stewart, plumbing licenses	1.00
O'Mara, Thomas N., plumbing licenses	1.00
Perry, George, sewer permit and plumbing licenses	6.00
Piche, Eli, sewer permit	5.00
Poire, Ronald, sewer permit	5.00
Reidy, Timothy P., plumbing licenses	1.00

Roux, Armand, sewer permits	10.00
Roux, Philip, sewer permit	5.00
Samson, Fernand, plumbing license	.50
Sanborn, Barbara L., sewer permit	5.00
Sanborn, Elwell D., plumbing license	.50
Serra, Frank, sewer permit	5.00
Simmons, Charles, sewer permit	5.00
Skinner, Edward J., plumbing exam	1.00
Snow, Romulus, plumbing license	.50
Sturrock, David, sewer permits	20.00
Tardif, Archie, sewer permit	5.00
Tardif, Conrad E., plumbing license	.50
Valliere, George, plumbing license	.50
Walker, B. G., sewer permit, plumbing licenses	6.00
Walker, Howard, plumbing licenses	1.00
Walker, Victor, plumbing licenses, sewer permit	6.00
Weeks, John F., sewer permit	5.00
White, Reginald, sewer permit	5.00
Wood, John R., plumbing licenses	1.00
Zeeberg, Joseph, sewer permit	5.00
Total	$ 300.00

SEWER BOND—SEWER CONNECTION CREDITS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Showing in Detail Cash Receipts for Year Ending June 30, 1955

Cash received from:	
Carlson, Robert N.	$ 57.97
Hampshire Oil Co.	399.36
Hawkins, Merton	30.79
Lapointe, Lillian Mrs.	94.39
McGee, Frederick	55.56
Walker, Victor (General Ice Cream Co.)	201.74
Zeeberg, Joseph	59.31
	$ 899.12
PAID AS FOLLOWS:	
Aldrich Photo Service & Supply, pictures & films	22.34
Allen-Rogers Corp., dowels	2.25
American Bitumuls & Asphalt Co., asphalt	6,151.93
American Oil Co., oil and grease	366.97
American Playground Device Co., park benches	104.30
American Public Works Assn., subscription and manual	12.00
Amsterdam Printing & Litho. Co., W-2 forms and envelopes	22.51
Aqua Survey & Instrument Co., Box locator	29.76
Atherton Farm Equipment, tire repair	6.25
Atkinson Oil Co., shellzone & diesel oil	354.75
Atlantic Equipment Co., broom refills	271.16
Auclair Transportation, Inc., express	8.81
Baker's Remnant Stores, cloth	5.00
S. F. Baker, metal hood	21.88
Ballou, Howard, Postmaster, envelopes	271.74
Bargar Bros., wiping cloths	36.88
Barrett Equipment, Inc., Loadpacker and parts	4,525.98

H. Bickford & Co., labor	69.93
Bisson, W. M. & Son, steel rods	7.69
Blais, Meleda, Mrs., sewer rental refund	3.00
Boston Blue Print Co., drawing paper	22.28
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	9.98
Boulia-Gorrell Lumber Co., lumber, cement, nails, wire	1,339.33
Bracken Co. of N. H., truck parts	153.58
Brassard, Roger P., medical services	90.00
Brown Company, chlorine	1,692.03
Buff & Buff Mfg. Co., transit part	1.83
Builders-Providence, Inc., labor	59.29
Burroughs Corp., carbon paper, ribbons, service charge	59.55
Cantin Chevrolet Co., trucks, truck parts	4,553.02
Carrier & Michaud Co., Inc., truck parts	3.54
Casellini-Venable Corp. of N. H., tractor parts & labor	106.43
Champoux Machine Co., labor and steel	127.29
Cherry Hill Nurseries, trees	475.00
Citizen Publishing Co., printing, advertising	334.59
City Freight Service Co., freight	4.80
City of Laconia Planning Board, prints	9.50
Concord Foundry & Machine Co., castings	1,220.00
Conrad, Horace M., keys	3.38
Country Store, The of Laconia, scythe handles & blades	15.81
Crete's Heavy Equip. Service, labor	7.65
Croucher, J. C., equipment parts	427.56
Cutter, Wood & Sanderson Co., masonry nails	8.50
Depot Square Auto Supply, labor	8.75
Diamond Match Co., lumber, pipe, cement	74.80
Dick's Texaco Service, gasoline	3.10
Division of Sanitary Engineering, orthotolidine	1.60
Dorval, C. A. Co., equipment parts	65.92
Dubois Co., Inc., The, Sprex	71.00
Duracrete Block Co., Inc., blocks	21.56
Dutile, Peter Co., coal, oil	468.98
Engineering News-Record, subscription	12.00
Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., steel tectic	27.26
Everett's Broom & Service, broom refills	408.62
Faltin, J. E. Motor Trans. Co., express	19.74
Finen's, trimmer	.95
Foley, Frank W. & Son, kerosene	1.05
Gar Wood Industries, Inc., truck parts	155.17
Godbout, Arthur A., labor and material	10.20
Goodall Rubber Co., rubber jackets, overalls, hats	87.19
Goodrich, W. S., Inc., bricks	695.16
Goodwin Paper Co., dixie cups, desk	133.25
Gove, Chas. A., Inc., electrical service & material	391.58
Granite State Asphalt Products Co., cold patch	434.48
Guay, John M., Hardware Co., hardware	17.99
Gulf Oil Corporation, gasoline	4,487.81
Guyer, Frank W., castings	3.00
Hallemite Mfg. Co., cover seal	34.05
Harper, William E., electrical services and material	248.98
Harry's Fix-It Shop, labor	2.50
Hartney Spray Corp., emulsion spray	177.40
Hayward's Country Store, scythes	9.29

Hazelton Co., R. C., equipment parts	1,866.42
Head's Electric, labor, fuses	4.80
Hedge & Mattheis Co., equipment parts	376.70
Herbst Bros. Seedsmen, Inc., lawn seed	159.00
Hillside Cemetery Assn., care of Hillside Cemetery	200.00
Homelite Corp., pump parts	48.07
Hopkins & Barlow, Inc., hardware, paint	397.00
Hueber Lumber Co., lumber	177.56
Huse, W. D. & Co., hardware & paint	106.86
Institute for Training in Municipal Adm., book	7.50
International Salt Co., salt	7,488.00
Jackson, J. R. & Son, cedar posts	137.50
Jewett, A. A. & Son, diesel oil	259.23
Johns-Manville Sales Corp., pipe	386.88
Jones Express, express	1.95
Kellys' Army & Navy Store, rubber gloves	5.00
Kibby Equipment Co., equipment parts	13.55
Kinney Spring Steel Broom Co., drag brooms	66.00
Kinsman, H. S. Co., Inc., stencils	4.07
Koppers Company, Inc., lumber	520.63
Labbe, J. H., fuel oil	2,077.73
Lacey's Tire Service, tube	3.16
Laconia Auto Wrecking Co., cab	25.00
Laconia Awning & Glass Co., labor and material	639.15
Laconia Clinic, medical services	32.00
Laconia Electric Co., labor and material	10.55
Laconia Hardware Co., hardware	179.73
Laconia Hospital, medical services	9.00
Laconia Milling Corp., lumber	47.24
Laconia Street Railway, asphalting	195.00
Laconia Water Co., water & pipe	1,000.17
Laconia Welding Service, welding and material	85.45
Lakes Region Feed & Supply, cement	1,394.02
Lessard, Leo F., labor and parts	4.85
Lockwood Hardware Mfg. Co., keys	6.59
Lord, Charles E., City Clerk, labor (tree work)	103.00
Lougee-Robinson Co., Inc., paint, brushes, cord	8.80
Lyons Iron Works, iron	61.16
McDermott Co., J. F., sewer rods and tools	311.55
McGuire, H. H. Co., asphalt	8,292.75
Mack Motor Truck Co., truck parts	129.82
Maher's Bookstore, office supplies	32.94
Makepeace, B. L., Inc., drafting supplies	235.77
Meredith Grain Store, pipe	121.35
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, pails, calcium chloride, seed	351.78
Merrimack Sales Co., brooms	12.05
Metcalf & Eddy, engineering services	850.00
Moody Motor Sales & Service, truck, labor and parts	4,343.58
Moreau, J. J. & Son, shovels, rakes, wire	228.58
Morin, J. J., Inc., oakum, pipe	30.10
Morse, Chas. H. Motors, Inc., truck parts	128.60
Mosley's Motor Express, express	7.87
Munsey & Brazil, Inc., insurance	210.00
National Academy of Sciences, subscription	3.00
New England Engine & Parts Co., compressor parts	29.63

New England Tel. & Tel. Co., phone service	832.77
N. H. Explosives & Machinery Co., wicks, blasting machine	78.56
New Hampshire Fence Co., fence	1,031.55
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., labor and material	762.24
Noyes, C. E. Co., recaps	212.97
Overhead Door Sales Co., labor and material	490.60
Palmer Plumbing Supply Co., pipe	1,935.28
Palmer Simpson Co., salt	39.15
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co., grease	27.77
Parker, Danner Co., roller parts	10.13
Perkins, Hollis G., Sewer rental refund	12.20
Perron, Arthur J., labor and material	298.32
Pike, L. M. & Son, asphalt, labor and equipment	9,705.11
Pitman, J. P. & Co., hardware	36.83
Prison Industries, pipe	631.20
Public Service Co. of N. H., light and power	3,058.83
Pynn, Norman G., truck parts	184.19
Randlett, Norman P., printing	11.90
Robbins, Geo. B. Disinfectant Co., disinfectant	50.61
Roberts Express, Inc., express	33.79
Rogers, Chas. C. Co., office supplies	122,71
Rogers' Store, ink	.50
Ross' Express, express	6.60
Ryerson, Joseph T. & Son, blades, steel	1,263.55
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., express	18.50
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., equipment parts	1,835.66
Sanel Industrial Equipment & Supply, equipment parts	73.39
Schohan, Mac Co., labor	10.00
Scott Machinery, Inc., grader parts	643.50
Signal Auto Supply, equipment parts	194.11
Smith, Ralph H., oxygen, acetylene, welding rods	101.24
Smith, Royal W., gravel	518.50
Snap-On Tools Corp., equipment parts	70.88
Socony Paint Products Co., paint	670.71
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., gasoline	1,417.32
South End Battery Service, gasoline	1.65
Standard Overall Dry Cleaning Co., washing rags	9.40
Steven Auto Parts, Inc., equipment parts	61.39
Story Drug Store, Inc., dye	.50
Stultz Electric Works, truck part	6.10
Sullivan, Frank D., medical services	100.00
Texas Co., The, grease	7.00
Thompson & Hoague Co., iron	12.82
Tilton Sand & Gravel, stone, sand, loam, gravel, cold patch	11,287.71
Treasurer, State of N. H., bridge painting, signs, T.R.A.	4,529.18
Tuffibre Co., broom wire	354.00
Tyler Sign Co., Inc., signs, lettering	90.30
Veterans Sales Co., Inc., shovel	1.69
Water Works Engineering, subscription	5.00
Watson, C. W. & Sons, sidewalks tractors & parts	13,857.56
Wetson Print, The, printing	38.00
Weeks, F. M. & Sons, dynamite & exploders	86.00
Welch, H. P. Co., express	7.50
Wells, Carroll A., Foundry, castings	47.51
Wescott Concrete Corp., ready-mixed concrete	133.30

Willey's Express, express	295.14
Winnipesaukee Water Co., water	62.07
Woodward's Sales & Service, sedan, parts	1,216.08
Payrolls	185,738.60
Unexpended balance (Bond Issue)	546.66
Unexpended balance transferred to excess & deficiency acct.	9,431.56
	$318,840.03

WALTER D. McLAUGHLIN
ALFRED W. SIMONEAU
HARRY L. SMITH
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year — 1954-55

	Balances & Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Total Credits	Total Expended	Unexpended Balance
GENERAL ACCOUNTS				$ 84,123.61	$ 24.74
Highway & Bridge Maintenance	$ 66,000.00	$ 18,148.35	$ 84,148.35	50,900.96	9,099.04
Winter Maintenance	60,000.00		60,000.00	25,853.33	146.67
Collection Ashes & Waste	26,000.00		26,000.00	12,791.70	8.30
City Engineering	12,800.00		12,800.00	16,980.38	330.38 ‡
Cleaning Streets	16,650.00		16,650.00	7,634.79	15.21
Surface Drain Maintenance	7,650.00		7,650.00	3,996.22	3.78
Sidewalk Maintenance	4,000.00		4,000.00	944.90	.....
City's Share T.R.A.	944.90		944.90	2,903.58	296.42
Tree Work	3,200.00		3,200.00	332.22	167.78
Care of Cemeteries	500.00		500.00		
	$197,744.90	$18,148.35	$215,893.25	$206,461.69	$ 9,431.56
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS				911.43	.....
Endicott Park Improvement		911.43	911.43	9,048.20	.....
Reimbursable Expend. T.R.A.		9,048.20	9,048.20	1,371.60	.....
Reimbursable Expend. (Class 4 Roads)		1,371.60	1,371.60	3,296.91	3,296.91 ‡ ‡
Reimbursable Expend. (Weirs Parking Lot)				624.34	624.34 ‡ ‡ ‡
Reimbursable Expend. (Park Dept.-Endicott Park)					
		$ 11,331.23	$ 11,331.23	$ 15,252.48	$ 3,921.25 ‡
BOND ISSUE ACCOUNTS					
Batchelder St. School Grounds Imp.	2,780.00	3,400.00	6,180.00	5,633.34	546.66
Jefferson Street Drain	697.14	269.05	966.19	966.19	.....

	Balances & Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Total Credits	Total Expended	Unexpended Balance
BOND ISSUE MARCH 3, 1954					
Opechee Park Improvement		11,175.79	11,175.79	11,175.79	.....
Rowell Street Improvement		2,331.07	2,331.07	2,331.07	.....
Winter Street Sewer Extension		2,419.13	2,419.13	2,419.13	.....
Winter Street Drain Extension		3,894.55	3,894.55	3,894.55	.....
Union Ave. Drain (Messer St., North)		651.16	651.16	651.16	.....
Purchase of Equipment		13,591.45	13,591.45	13,591.45	.....
BOND ISSUE OCT. 4, 1954					
Lewis Street Walk (No side)		496.27	496.27	496.27	.....
Clark Ave. Walk (No side)		813.12	813.12	813.12	.....
Main St. Walk at Legion Home		975.00	975.00	975.00	.....
Opechee Park Entrance		378.00	378.00	378.00	.....
Walker St. Walk (So. Side-Union Ave. to Butler)		476.05	476.05	476.05	.....
Cook Ct. Walk (So. Side)		771.99	771.99	771.99	.....
BOND ISSUE OCT. 4, 1954					
Purchase of Equipment		11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	.....
	3,477.14	$52,642.63	$ 56,119.77	$ 55,573.11	$ 456.66
SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND		27,648.77	27,648.77	27,648.77	.....
CAPITAL RESERVE (Purchase of Equip.)		3,925.76	3,925.76	3,925.76	.....
SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND (Other Revenue		300.00			
S.B.F.-Sewer Const. Account (Sewer Conn. Credits)		899.12			

‡ Indicates an overdraft
‡‡ Reimbursable from Parking Meter Fund
‡‡‡ Reimbursable from Weirs Beach Account

RECREATION

Arthur B. Clairmont, *Chairman*
succeeded by
Dr. Robinson W. Smith
Bertrand Morin
Edward J. Dupont
Frances F. Foster, *Secretary*

During the fiscal year 1954-1955, the parks and playgrounds of the City of Laconia underwent many and varied physical improvements.

The Opechee Park grading, and seeding the old icehouse property on Main Street was completed. Bathing facilities were also improved which were badly needed. At the north end of the in-field, with the help of individuals vitally interested in the Little League project of our city, a Little League Baseball diamond was constructed.

During the month of June this year, work was started on the parking lot adjacent to North Main Street, and a paved road leading from the south to the north gate was constructed, with an apron to drive onto the in-field. We hope that the landscaping and seeding down will be finished in the fall of 1955.

Pearl Street Grounds in Ward 4 was renamed Memorial Park by the Mayor and Council, and an energetic and civic-minded group of citizens have organized into a group which is known as the "Memorial Park Club". This organization cleared quite a sizeable plot of land between Durkee Brook and the baseball diamond, and through their donations and otherwise, they provided several swings, a slide, sand boxes, picnic tables, and fireplaces.

Your Park Commission has continued the work of maintaining and improving all the playgrounds of the city insofar as available funds would permit. The financial statement that appears at the end of this report tells in detail what the appropriation allotted to the Park Commission was used for.

All of the playgrounds, including Endicott Rock Park, were presided over during the summer months by an efficient and loyal personnel, under the direction of Robert McGrath as Recreation Director. The following are the personnel that were on duty at our parks during the summer of 1954:

Robert McGrath—Recreation Director
Rachel Derry—Tardif Park
Richard Saltmarsh—Opechee Park
Harriet Forkey—Opechee Park
Dorothy Wagner—Wyatt Park
William Bastraw—Leavitt Park
Claire Truchon—Leavitt Park

Endicott Rock Park

Lifeguards: Paul Normandin
Ernest St. Jacques
Ernest Munsey
Peter Lessard
Spencer Brody

Collectors: James Horn
Sheila Dupont
Charles Crowther
David Filion

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS

Budget Appropriation		$16,775.00
Receipts:		
Rent of Clubhouses	$ 917.00	
Telephone Booth	5.05	
Sale of Materials	20.00	
Total Receipts		942.05
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency		271.00
TOTAL		$17,988.05
Expenditures:		
Band Concerts	$ 282.00	
Equipment	430.43	
Fuel	1,329.93	
Gas, Lights & Water	1,016.73	
Labor & Materials for Repairs	3,809.39	
Moving Bleachers	304.60	
Salaries—Park Attendants	3,848.50	
Skating Rinks	878.00	
Supplies	984.94	
Wages—Laborers	2,452.11	
Water Ski Meet	500.00	
Capital Outlays	527.78	
Total Expenditures		$16,364.41
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency		1,623.64
TOTAL		$17,988.05

ATHLETIC FLOODLIGHTS

Budget Appropriation		$ 300.00
Receipts—Laconia Ball Club		120.00
TOTAL		$ 420.00
Expenditures:		
Light Bills	$267.33	
Changing Bulbs	104.00	
Total Expenditures		$ 371.33
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency		48.67
TOTAL		$ 420.00

THE WEIRS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Budget Appropriation		$2,820.00
Receipts:		
Armstrong Co. Concession	$1,988.90	
Pay Toilets	866.33	
Viewing Machines	95.16	
Total Receipts		2,950.39
Transferred In From Excess & Deficiency		345.83
TOTAL		$6,116.22

Expenditures:		
Labor & Materials for Repairs	$ 104.84	
Lights, Water & Power	364.35	
Pay Toilets	235.48	
Salary—Janitor	990.00	
Supplies	308.87	
The Weirs Boardwalk	1,223.21	
Total Expenditures		$3,226.75
To Estimated Revenue		2,714.91
To Excess & Deficiency		174.56
TOTAL		$6,116.22

THE WEIRS BEACH

Budget Appropriation		$11,106.00
Receipts:		
Service Charges & Parking	$7,033.45	
Checking	153.80	
Coke	1,463.77	
Ice Cream & Miscellaneous	134.29	
Pay Toilets	111.06	
Sale of Equipment	32.50	
Total Receipts		8,928.87
TOTAL		$20,034.87
Expenditures:		
Cash Short	$ 6.20	
Coke Machine	770.96	
Equipment	685.05	
Ice Cream & Miscellaneous	123.50	
Labor & Materials for Repairs	366.62	
Lights & Power	69.95	
Pay Toilets	44.60	
Salaries—Lifeguards, Collectors & Police Officer	4,202.60	
Supplies	99.95	
Telephone	54.48	
Capital Outlays	547.60	
Total Expenditures		6,971.51
To Estimated Revenue		8,726.11
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency		4,337.25
TOTAL		$20,034.87

Trustee of Trust Funds

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*
FRANK D. BRISSE
LAURETTE B. JOHNSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS
Year Ending June 30, 1955

Principal			
Balance	6/30/54	$118,039.88	
New Trust Funds		4,350.00	
Capital Gains & Interest		1,166.31	$123,556.19
Income			
Unexpended Balance	6/30/54	6,661.66	
Interest from Savings Banks		2,697.07	
Dividends from Stocks		1,563.92	
		10,922.65	
Expended		3,596.90	7,325.75
Total Principal and Income year ending 6/30/55			$130,881.94
Inventory of: Cash in Savings Banks			
City Savings Balance	6/30/55	30,887.79	
Laconia Savings "	6/30/66	44,187.68	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan "	6/30/55	14,409.91	
Lakeport National "	6/30/55	333.09	$ 89,818.47
Inventory of: Securities			
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	587 Shrs.	9,923.54	
Fidelity Fund Inc.	1096 "	10,653.85	
Mass. Investors Trust	234 "	5,075.02	
George Putnam Fd.	474 "	4,981.74	
Chemical Fund Inc.	820 "	10,329.32	
Laconia Water Company	2 "	100.00	$ 41,063.47
Total Cash in Savings Banks and Securities			$130,881.94

Capital Reserve Funds

1. Fire Alarm System	6/30/54	4,483.23	
Interest Received		135.50	$ 4,618.73
2. Truck Replacement	6/30/54	153.62	
Transfer from: Power Sweeper Acct.		2,241.60	
" " Screening & Gravel Plant Acct.		1,684.16	
Interest		64.42	
		4,143.80	

Paid Board of Public Works Depart.		3,925.76	$ 218.04
3. Power Sweeper Acct.	6/30/54	2,241.60	
Transferred to Truck Replacement Acct.		2,241.60	None
4. Screening & Gravel Plant	6/30/54	1,684.16	
Transferred to Truck Replacement Acct.		1,684.16	None

FINANCIAL REPORT—LEAVITT PARK TRUST FUND

Year Ending 6/30/55

Principal			
Balance	6/30/54	$ 12,755.22	
Capital Gain & Interest		261.66	$ 13,016.88
Income			
Balance	6/30/54	3,547.91	
Interest & Dividends		802.40	
		4,350.31	
Expended		311.46	4,038.85
Total Principal and Income year ending 6/30/55			$ 17,055.73
Inventory of:			
Cash Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.		4,116.61	4,116.61
Securities Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	214 shrs.	3,416.33	
Fidelity Fund Inc.	570 "	5,022.79	
U.S. Government—Bonds	2 "	200.00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	8 "	800.00	
Laconia Water Company	70 "	3,500.00	12,939.12
Total Cash and Securities			$ 17,055.73

FINANCIAL REPORT—CHARLES PERKINS H. S. SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Year Ending 6/30/55

Principal			
Balance	6/30/54	$ 5,307.93	
Capital Gain & Interest		163.07	$ 5,471.00
Income			
Balance	6/30/54	297.88	
Interest & Dividends		253.78	
		551.66	
Expended (2 scholarships)		250.00	301.66
Total Principal and Income year ending 6/30/55			$ 5,772.66
Inventory of:			
Cash Laconia Savings Bank		451.23	451.23
Securities Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	159 shrs.	2,538.78	
Fidelity Fund Inc.	316 "	2,782.65	5,321.43
Total Cash and Securities			$ 5,772.66

NEW TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending June 30, 1955

Audet, Egide	$150.00
Batchelder, Addie	300.00
Blanchette, Zoel	150.00
Bolduc, Antonio C.	150.00
Boulanger, Pierre A.	200.00
Dalton, Mary	250.00
Doyon, Omer	75.00
Elliott, Raymond C.	100.00
Gilbert, Wilfred	150.00
Goupil, Joseph	75.00
Guyer, Rose	75.00
Hoyt, Oscar L.	300.00
Jenkins, Mrs. John	200.00
Kabachis, Stella	200.00
Lacross (Lacroix) William	150.00
Laflam, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur	150.00
Lapierre, M. Louise	75.00
Lessard, Mrs. Emma	150.00
Little, Romie	200.00
Moulton, Edith	250.00
Nault, Leger	150.00
Nichols, Charles H.	200.00
Paquette, Arthur	75.00
Simoneau, Archelas	150.00
Sullivan, Ann C.	350.00
Vallier, Bernadette	75.00
26 Trust received	$ 4,350.00

Board of Assessors

1954 - 1955

ASSESSORS

Donald Tabor, *Chairman*
Lionel Langlois
Albert Lucier

OFFICE STAFF

Harrison E. Morin
Office Manager
Carl Blaisdell
Map Supervisor
Mrs. Gladys Ryan
Clerk-Typist

To the Honorable Mayor and Council:

This report covers the period from April 1st, 1954 to April 1st, 1955. The Board of Assessors consisted of Messrs. Donald Tabor, Chairman; Lionel Langlois and Albert Lucier. (Mr. Lucier appointed, replacing Mr. Barney resigned).

The Board of Assessors started their annual inspection of taxable property early in May and it was completed during the latter part of June.

The percentage figure used by the Assessors against real and personal taxable property was 50% of true or market value.

The Gross valuation for the City this year showed a lesser amount than the previous year. Although considerable new houses were built, along with other commercial property, this was not enough to offset the loss from Stock in Trade, Machinery and adjusted values after abatements from the previous year. Again the Veteran Exemptions increased $51,000. this year over the year 1953.

This year the office records have been converted and adjusted to the IBM system. The Board of Assessors conferred with the Mayor and Council and the system was approved and adopted. The real and personal property ledger is now computed by this method, and this work is now being done by Scott & Williams, Inc. of this city.

A change was made and put into effect this year—namely, taking of the Poll Census. The six Deputy Assessors appointed each year to take the Poll Census, etc. used individual cards for the purpose. The cards are turned in to the Assessors Office for tabulation and put into a Poll Tax Ledger by wards. The Head Tax Ledger is prepared from this Poll Tax list. These ledgers along with the Property Tax ledger are all compiled by the Office Staff in the Assessors Department.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Morin
Office Mgr.
Laconia Board of Assessors

1954 CITY VALUATION BY TYPES

	Amount	Percent
One Family Unit	7,602.485.	27.23
Two Family Unit	2,553,350.	9.14
Apartment Unit	1,781,150.	6.38
Industrial Unit	1,166,400.	4.17
Commercial Unit	4,730,180.	16.94
Seasonal Residence	1,298,680.	4.65
Commercial Recreation	1,353,050.	4.85..
Utilities	1,301,440.	4.66
Land	616,450.	2.28
Buildings	274,800.	.97
Farms	303,100.	1.09
Wood, Lumber, Etc.	812.	.003
Stock in Trade	3,330,392.	11.93
Boats & Launches	289,185.	1.04
Machinery	1,205,910.	4.32
Aqudcts, Locks & Canals	10,000.	.04
Flowage	6,500.	.023
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	36,745.	.13
Road & Well Building Machinery	8,740.	.03
Vehicles	3,600.	.01
House Trailers	2,900.	.01
Wharves & Ferries	7,800.	.028
Cows	27,050.	.096
Horses, Mules	1,975.	.007
Fowls	950.	.004
Fur Bearing Animals	2,150.	.008
Other Neat Stock	450.	.002
Total	$27,916.244.	

SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS

	1953-54	1954-55
Lands & Buildings	22,246,906.00	22,260,645.00
Mature Wood & Timber	.....	.....
Electric Plants	634,967.00	726,940.00
Petroleum & Gas Trans. Lines (Including Buildings)	.....	.....
Horses, Asses and Mules	2,925.00	1,975.00
Oxen	.....	.....
Cows	29,675.00	27,050.00
Other Neat Stock	900.00	450.00
Sheep and Goats	.....	.....
Hogs	250.00	.....
Fowls	75.00	950.00
Fur-bearing Animals	1,800.00	2,150.00
Vehicles	11,340.00	3,600.00
Boats and Launches	246,890.00	289,185.00
Portable Mills	.....	.....
Road Building & Repairing & Well Drilling Machinery	.....	8,740.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	6,009.00	812.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	47,055.00	36,745.00

Stock in Trade	4,287,414.00	3,330,392.00
Machinery	1,498,613.00	1,205,910.00
Aqueducts, Locks & Canals	3,000.00	10,000.00
House Trailers	4,050.00	2,900.00
Wharves & Ferries	5,000.00	7,800.00
GROSS VALUATION	29,026,869.00	27,916,244.00
LESS VETERANS EXEMPTIONS	660,025.00	711,150.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	28,366,844.00	27,205,094.00
Property Tax to be Raised	1,248,141.13	1,218,788.21
Poll Taxes at $2.00	11,926.00	11,826.00
National Bank Stock	2,123.65	2,206.65
TAX COMMITTED	1,262,190.78	1,232,820.86
Tax Rate	$44.00	$44.80
Fiscal Year	52 Weeks	52 Weeks

ASSESSORS BUDGET

	1953	1954
RECEIPTS		
Budget Appropriation	$ 12,459.00	$ 14,729.00
Reimbursement for Supplies	8.10	13.65
Sale of Tax Lists	216.00	49.00
Transferred In	418.73	85.00
TOTAL	13,101.83	14,876.65
EXPENDITURES		
Auto Expense	200.00	200.00
Equipment	46.98	139.99
Register of Deeds	260.00	321.50
Salaries	10,634.00	11,134.00
Supplies & Printing	964.02	722.13
Travel	119.42	44.28
Telephone	105.66	121.80
IBM Service—Scott & Williams	138.81	750.00
IBM—Clerical Assistance	223.00	1,136.00
Longevity	90.00	90.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency	319.94	216.95
TOTAL	13,101.83	14,876.65

Trend of Net Valuations

1950	$23,281,560.00
1951	26,814,381.00
1952	26,831,664.00
1953	28,366,844.00
1954	27,205,094.00

Trend of Stock in Trade

1950	$ 3,735,314.00
1951	4,108,626.00
1952	3,788,507.00
1953	4,387,414.00
1954	3,330,392.00

Trend of Tax Rates

1950	$39.60	per	$1,000.
1951	44.20	"	"
1952	45.20	"	"
1953	44.00	"	"
1954	44.80	"	"

OVERLAY FOR ABATEMENTS

	1953	1954
RECEIPTS		
Budget Appropriation	$28,183.63	$22,044.24
Added Taxes during the Year	2,338.72	6,248.56
Poll Taxes Added	.....	682.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	30,522.35	28,974.80
EXPENDITURES		
Abatement Refunds	6,226.79	2,254.25
Abatements by Assessors	19,770.30	24,683.44
Poll Taxes Abated by Assessors	.....	2,037.11
Transferred to Unappropriated Surplus	4,525.26	.....
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	30,522.35	28,974.80

SUMMARY GROSS VALUATION BY WARDS

	1953	1954	Increase	Decrease
Ward 1	$3,620,744.00	$3,571,630.00	.....	$ 49,114.00
Ward 2	5,927,183.00	5,208,015.00	.....	719,168.00
Ward 3	4,270,863.00	4,118,846.00	.....	152,017.00
Ward 4	5,425,741.00	5,220,346.00	.....	205,395.00
Ward 5	2,988,757.00	2,951,095.00	.....	37,662.00
Ward 6	6,793,581.00	6,846,312.00	52,731.00	.....
	29,026,869.00	27,916,244.00	52,731.00	1,163,356.00
				- 52,731.00
				1,110,625.00

SUMMARY — NET VALUATION BY WARD

	1953	1954	Increase	Decrease
Ward 1	$3,524,244.00	$3,459,630.00	$	$ 64,614.00
Ward 2	5,784,708.00	5,062,415.00		722,293.00
Ward 3	4,249,863.00	4,100,846.00		149,017.00
Ward 4	5,351,341.00	5,127,146.00		224,195.00
Ward 5	2,846,957.00	2,814,895.00		32,062.00
Ward 6	6,609,731.00	6,640,162.00	30,431.00	
	28,366,844.00	27,205,094.00	30,431.00	1,192,181.00
				- 30,431.00
				1,161,750.00

Tax Collector

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I hereby submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the City of Laconia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

TAXES

1955

Total amount of taxes not committed	$ 2,497.09
Total amount of polls not committed	164.00
	$ 2,661.09
Total amount of taxes collected to June 30, 1955	$ 2,497.09
Total amount of polls collected to June 30, 1955	164.00
	$ 2,661.09

1954

Total amount of taxes committed by the Board of Assessors	$1,220,994.86
Total amount of polls committed by the Board of Assessors	11,826.00
Total amount of added taxes committed by the Board of Assessors	6,262.00
Total amount of polls added and committed by the Board of Assessors	664.00
Total amount of refunds	4.00
	$1,239,750.86
Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$1,201,888.26
Total amount of polls collected to June 30, 1955	10,554.11
Total amount of taxes abated to June 30, 1955	25,168.70
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1955	2,139.79
	$1,239,750.86

1953

Total amount uncollected June 30, 1954	$ 3,827.41
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	14.00
	$ 3,841.41
Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$ 2,199.60
Total amount abated to June 30, 1955	734.90
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1955	906.91
	$ 3,841.41

1952

Total amount uncollected to June 30, 1954	$ 1,210.68
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	2.00
	$ 1,212.68
Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$ 136.55
Total amount abated to June 30, 1955	209.94

Total amount uncollected June 30, 1955		866.19
	$	1,212.68

1951

Total amount uncollected to June 30, 1954	$	570.03
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors		4.00
	$	574.03
Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$	131.13
Total amount abated to June 30, 1955		186.00
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1955		256.90
	$	574.03

1950

Total amount uncollected to June 30, 1954	$	502.46
Plus adjustment		2.15
Total amount of added tax committed by Board of Assessors		4.00
	$	508.61
Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$	125.00
Total amount abated to June 30, 1955		383.61
	$	508.61

1949

Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	$	4.00
Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$	4.00

1948

Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	$	2.00
Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$	2.00

SUMMARY OF REGULAR TAXES

	Costs & Fees	Prop. & Poll	Interest
Total amount collected for 1955 taxes		$ 2,661.09	
Total amount collected for 1954 taxes		1,212,442.37	
Total amount collected for 1953 taxes		2,199.60	
Total amount collected for 1952 taxes		136.55	
Total amount collected for 1951 taxes		131.13	
Total amount collected for 1950 taxes		125.00	
Total amount collected for 1949 taxes		4.00	
Total amount collected for 1948 taxes		2.00	
Total amount fees & Interest collected	1,122.23		3,400.49
	$1,122.23	$1,217,701.74	$3,400.49

SUMMARY OF TAXES REDEEMED

	Tax Sale 1951	Tax Sale 1952	Tax Sale 1953	Tax Sale 1954 Sale 6/17/55
Unredeemed June 30, 1954	$2,021.32	$4,980.50	$15,538.94	$16,672.33

Redeemed to June 30, 1955	1,431.82	2,341.53	9,245.26	2,628.43
Redeemed to June 30, 1955	$ 589.50	$2,638.97	$ 6,293.68	$14,043.90
Deeded to City	32.10	32.59	32.00	
Unredeemed June 30, 1955	$ 557.40	$2,606.38	$ 6,261.68	$14,043.90

TOTAL SUMMARY

Total taxes collected to June 30, 1955	$1,217,701.74
Total interest collected to June 30, 1955	3,400.49
Total taxes redeemed to June 30, 1955	15,647.04
Total Costs & Fees collected to June 30, 1955	1,122.23
	$1,237,871.50

Timber Tax

Total amount of tax committed by the Board of Assessors	$	397.30
Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$	397.30

Bicycle Licenses

Total amount collected to June 30, 1955	$	150.00
Total amount submitted to City Treasurer, June 30, 1955	$	150.00

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Shelley
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF ACCOUNTING FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HEAD TAX IN CAPACITY AS AGENT FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

1955

Total Amount of Head Taxes Not Committed	$	470.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1955	$	470.00

1954

Warrant: April 1954	$	36,895.00
Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Committed by Board of Assessors		1,915.00
Total	$	38,810.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1955	$	34,152.13
Total Amount Abated to June 30, 1955		1,588.00
Total Amount Uncollected June 30, 1955		3,069.87
Total	$	38,810.00

1953

Total Amount Uncollected June 30, 1954	$	2,679.16
Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Committed by Board of Assessors		85.00
Total	$	2,764.16

Total amount Collected to June 30, 1955	$ 983.00
Total amount Abated to June 30, 1955	1,781.16
	$ 2,764.16

1952

Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Commmitted by Board of Assessors	$ 140.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1955	$ 140.00
Total Amount of Fines Collected to June 30, 1955	$ 783.00
Total Amount Paid City Treasurer to June 30, 1955	$ 783.00

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND

Warrant:	January 1955	$ 17,037.48
	Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$ 15,651.41
	Less Abatementes Allowed by Board of Public Works	$ 11.58
	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955	1,374.49
		$ 17,037.48
Warrant:	July 1954	$ 16,622.56
	Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$ 16,042.38
	Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	21.97
	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955	558.21
		$ 16,622.56
Warrant:	January 1954—Uncollected June 30, 1954	$ 1,487.05
	Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$ 1,244.29
	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955	242.76
		$ 1,487.05
Warrant:	July 1953—Uncollected June 30, 1954	$ 654.06
	Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$ 597.60
	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955	56.46
		$ 654.06
Warrant:	January 1953—Uncollected June 30, 1954	$ 405.07
	Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$ 368.27
	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955	36.80
		$ 405.07
Warrant:	July 1952—Uncollected June 30, 1954	$ 356.49
	Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$ 305.74
	Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	3.00
	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955	47.75
		$ 356.49
Warrant:	January 1952—Uncollected June 30, 1954	$ 154.90
	Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$ 132.70
	Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works	7.17
	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955	15.03
		$ 154.90
Warrant:	July 1951—Uncollected June 30, 1954	$ 109.46
	Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$ 104.51
	Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955	4.95
		$ 109.46

Warrant: January 1951—Uncollected June 30, 1954	$	90.83
Less Cash Received June 30, 1955	$	81.83
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		3.00
Balance Uncollected June 30, 1955		6.00
	$	90.83

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Budget Appropriation		$11,183.31
Receipts:		
Reimbursement for Supplies	$ 169.37	
Equipment—Trade In Allowance	100.00	
Total Receipts		269.37
TOTAL		$11,452.68
Expenditures:		
Bond Expense	$ 195.00	
Equipment	170.00	
Longevity	120.00	
Miscellaneous	54.50	
Postage & Envelopes	272.86	
Salaries	9,448.00	
Supplies	149.48	
Telephone	129.88	
Travel	44.99	
I. B. M. Service	200.00	
Supplies for I. B. M. Service	295.82	
Total Expenditures		$11,080.53
To Excess & Deficiency		272.15
Balance Carried to 1955-56 Budget		100.00
TOTAL		$11,452.68

PARKING METER FUND

Receipts:		
Parking Meters	$24,868.10	
For Damages to Meters	92.50	
Sale of Paint	34.16	
Total Receipts		$24,994.76
Transferred from Parking Meter Surplus Account		131.90
TOTAL		$25,126.66
Expenditures:		
Collection, Maintenance & Supervision	$1,057.73	
Counting Coins	233.94	
Labor & Materials for Repairs—Meters	709.05	
Labor & Materials for Repairs—Parking Lots	21.50	
Labor & Materials for Repairs—Traffic Lights	121.51	
Light Bills—Parking Lots	787.17	
Light Bills—Traffic Lights	919.14	
Rent of Parking Lots	1,000.00	

Supplies—Parking Meters	2.78	
Supplies—Traffic Lights	54.34	
Supplies—Parking Lots	58.38	
Traffic	2,382.63	
Capital Outlays—Parking Meter Payments	1,800.00	
Total Expenditures		$9,148.17
Transferred to Police Dept.—Salaries Account		5,800.00
Transferred to Public Works Department		8,650.00
To Parking Meter Surplus Account		1,528.49
TOTAL		$25,126.66

REPORT OF PARKING METER RECEIPTS

July 1954	$ 2,909.20
August 1954	2,895.80
September 1954	2,362.40
October 1954	1,759.40
November 1954	1,756.50
December 1954	2,155.40
January 1955	1,507.40
February 1955	850.00
March 1955	2,405.00
April 1955	1,400.00
May 1955	2,350.00
June 1955	2,517.00
Total Receipts through June 30, 1955	$24,868.10

WELFARE

Director of Welfare . . . . Francis O'Connell
Succeeded by Bertram Morin, June 27, 1955

The total amount spent on relief during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 was $34,981.19.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Budget Appropriation		$70,200.00
Receipts:		
City Relief	$1,643.16	
Old Age Assistance	3,101.11	
Total Receipts		4,744.27
TOTAL		$74,944.27
Expenditures:		
TOTAL		$74,944.27
Expenditures:		
City Relief	$31,935.55	
Old Age Assistance	42,007.73	
Total Expenditures		$73,943.28
To Excess & Deficiency		1,000.99
TOTAL		$74,944.27

Report of City Auditor

To The Honorable Mayor, The Finance Committee of the Council, and the Council of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire:

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of the city ordinances, I have examined the financial accounts of the City of Laconia as of June 30, 1955, and the results of the budget operations for the fiscal year July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955. Various audits, spot-checks and investigations have been made throughout the past year as a check on the functioning of our internal control system. All individual disbursements from city funds are examined each month throughout the year by the City Auditor.

It is my opinion that the accompanying financial statements represent fairly the condition of the City of Laconia as of June 30, 1955, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year ended on such date.

Individual departmental budgets and expenditures are reported in detail in the Fiscal Officer's section of the City Clerk's report; consequently, such information is not duplicated in this report.

The City ended its fiscal year, June 30, 1955, with $40,778.67 in general surplus plus $3,453.72 in surplus derived from parking receipts. It is my opinion that the City is in sound financial condition and good fiscal management has insured an adequate year ending surplus. As the City normally has $30,000 to $32,000 in uncollected taxes at the end of each fiscal year, it is necessary to maintain surplus in excess of these uncollected taxes to insure adequate working cash at the end of the fiscal year to retire year-end bills without resorting to borrowed funds. Judgment in conserving working capital throughout the year without decreasing service enabled Laconia to end its fiscal year with a cash balance in general purpose funds of $15,943.64.

All uncollected taxes on June 30, 1955, amounted to $30,999.66 as compared with $31,492.00 on June 30, 1954. A notable increase occurred this past fiscal year in revenue derived from motor vehicle taxes; $63,621.32 was received from this source for year ended June 30, 1955, as compared to $53,994.11 for year ended June 30, 1954. It is interesting to note that motor vehicle permit fees collected for fiscal year ended February 15, 1950 amounted to $35,600.48.

The Sanitary Sewerage Fund continues to maintain a sound financial condition. Its surplus has increased $3,941.25 during the past fiscal year to a total of $36,147.36 on June 30, 1955. In addition to this,

the fund has provided for future repairs and replacements by providing a depreciation reserve at the present time of $9,894.30. Outstanding accounts receivable on sewer rental fee warrants has decreased $915.41 from the amount due a year ago.

The bonded debt of Laconia now stands at $1,230,250.00. Principal retirement during the past fiscal year amounted to $117,850.00, in addition to interest payments on debt of $18,923.00. Bonds issued since July 1, 1954, amounted to $125,000 of which $16,000 were for general sidewalk improvements, $11,000 for Public Works Department equipment, $17,000 for Laconia's share in co-operation with federal and state funds for airport improvements, and $81,000 for construction of the new Lakeport fire station.

Appreciation is extended to the administration and department personnel for maintaining and furthering good fiscal operations within our City government. In order to maintain continued high standards the following sections of this report contain various suggestions and recommendations which I believe should be taken under advisement by the administration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is necessary and usual for a considerable amount of work to be performed before property tax bills may be sent to the taxpayers. Depending upon the degree of work necessary to formulate a budget and prepare assessments, the bills are usually available for mailing in September. This requires the City to borrow its working funds in order to operate throughout the summer. It is suggested for study to bill the taxpayers on July 1 each year a portion of the previous year's tax rendered. This could be referred to as a type of installment plan of property tax payment. I believe a good portion of the current tax levy could be collected in this manner early in our fiscal year. The early part-billing would not, of course, require payment to be made at any date sooner than the present requirements; however, it is easier for most taxpayers to pay a portion of their total tax bill in the summer months, rather than in the fall and winter with necessary school preparation expenses and fuel bills.

When the tax rate is set, the present system of figuring and billing would proceed as usual; however, any payments made by taxpayers during the summer would be posted as a part payment on the total bill before it is mailed.

2. It is suggested that a manual of procedures be prepared for collecting, accounting and depositing of all monies due the City from outside sources such as parking fees, municipal beach fees, pay toilet facilities, etc.

3. It is also suggested for study that the City licensing committee have prepared, under their jurisdiction, an instruction manual containing policies for the assessing, collecting and depositing of the various classes of City business licenses. Licenses in this category comprise those for taxis, theatres and other amusements, bowling and pool establishments, junk and second-hand dealers, etc. It is recommended further that the bookkeeping records concerning the revenue from these business licenses be changed. All license fees due should be placed upon the general ledger books of the City as Accounts Receivable—Business Licenses. There should also be subsidiary receivable accounts for each individual business subject to this type of tax. At the time the license is granted, proper entries should be made debiting or charging accounts receivable and crediting or increasing the applicable revenue account. Any unpaid accounts should be billed each month. Certain records are maintained at the present time to account for these license fees, but they are not incorporated in the regular ledger accounts of the City.

4. As mentioned in last year's report of the City Auditor, the City should endeavor to complete its final abatements of State of New Hampshire head taxes which warrant abatement before final accounting each year to the State Treasurer. In previous years regulations, head tax abatements after final accounting to the State were refundable under application. Present laws make it impossible to obtain this relief after the final accounting date. This means that the City must pay to the State of New Hampshire the amount of all head taxes uncollected as of one year after date of assessment. If the City does not collect the tax from the individual after paying it to the State of New Hampshire, then the City has to absorb the loss. This potential loss may be alleviated somewhat by insuring the abatement of warranted delinquent head taxes for good cause before the final accounting date. Very careful preparation of this head tax warrant, before it is assessed, will also be beneficial.

5. Continued emphasis should be placed upon centralizing the receiving of all monies due the City. Preparation of a collection procedure manual mentioned above should include a comprehensive study of this point.

6. Subsequent to June 30, 1955, changes in our purchasing ordinance have been made. Administrative approval of invoices against the City have, in the past, been made in most cases after the goods had been delivered and liability incurred by the City. Regulations now require purchase requisitions for goods or services over $25.00 to be approved prior to ordering the goods or engaging the services.

7. The acquisition of the Laconia Water Company by the City of Laconia will, of course, add to the bookkeeping functions of the City.

It is suggested that the possibility of combining certain clerical functions, such as billing of the present sewerage rentals together with water utility charges, be explored.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA S. BEANE, JR.
City Auditor

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H. — JUNE 30, 1955

General Fund Only

Our City's Current Wealth

(Excluding physical property and restrictive funds)

We Have

Cash	$15,943.54
Taxes Owed City	$30,999.66
Advance Payments '55-'56 Budget Items	$3,921.25

We Owe

Due City Depts.	$2,090.54
Advance Revenue Collections and Reserve	$4,541.62

Surplus $44,232.39

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.
Statement of Financial Condition — The General Fund as of June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash:		
In Depositories	$14,114.64	
Petty Cash	650.00	
Deposit in Transit from Public Library	1,179.00	
		$15,943.64
Taxes Receivable:		
Due City — Current Year	$2,139.79	
Due City — Delinquent	2,029.96	
		4,169.75
Tax Liens — Delinquent		23,469.36
Taxes on Deeded Property to City		290.68
Uncollected Delinquent State N. H. Head Taxes		3,069.87
1955-56 Fiscal Year Budget Items Paid in Advance:		
Weirs Parking Lot	$3,296.91	
Weirs Beach	624.34	
		3,921.25
TOTAL EXCESS (1)		$50,864.55

(1) Excepting permanent property

LIABILITIES

Department Unexpended Balances:		
Tax Collector — Equipment	$ 100.00	
Fire Department — Uniform Allowance	122.86	
History of Laconia	200.00	
Police Department — Uniform Allowance	755.02	
Public Works Department	546.66	
		$1,724.54
Advance Revenue Collections:		
Tax Collections — 1955 Levy	$2,661.09	
Bond Interest and Premiums	290.89	
		2,951.98
Accounts Payable:		
Due State N. H. — Advance 1955 Head Tax Collections	$ 470.00	
Trust Deposits Due City Trustees of Trust Funds	366.00	
		836.00
Reserve for Growing Wood & Timber Tax		1,119.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$6,632.16

SURPLUS

General Fund Surplus Unappropriated	$40,778.67
Parking Meter Fund Surplus Unappropriated	3,453.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	$50,864.55

DELINQUENT TAXES BY YEAR OF LEVY

Levy of 1953	$ 906.87	
1952	866.19	
1951	256.90	
		$2,029.96

*TAX LIENS HELD BY CITY BY YEAR OF LEVY

Levy of 1954	$14,043.90	
1953	6,261.68	
1952	2,606.38	
1951	557.40	
		$23,469.36

* After approximately a year from time of assessment of a property (real estate) tax, any unpaid accounts are sold by the tax collector, for the amount of tax due plus certain costs, to the city or any individual at a tax sale in accordance with regulations. Upon purchase of the tax, interest accumulated and costs, the purchaser acquires a lien on the property. The person to whom the tax was originally assessed has a period of two years from date of sale of tax in which to redeem or cancel such lien by paying such sale purchaser the tax, accumulated interest and costs.

If such redemption does not occur during such time, the collector shall deed the property over to the tax sale purchaser.

The above tax liens on the city's books represent the investment of Laconia in purchasing such delinquent taxes at the aforementioned collector's tax sales.

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.
Statement of Revenues Other Than Property or Poll Taxes of General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

	Net Receipts	Estimated in Budget	Excess	Deficiency
From Surplus Beg. of Yr.	$ 68,000.00	$ 68,000.00		
Assessors Office	$ 49.00	none	$ 49.00	
Maintenance—City Hall	144.01	none	144.01	
City Officers	3.00	none	3.00	
Elections	43.00	none	43.00	
Fees—City Clerk	2,521.90	2,200.00	321.90	
Health Dept.-Fees & Licenses	470.40	600.00		$ 129.60
N.H. Int. & Dividends Tax	19,789.32	18,765.13	24.19	
Interest on Taxes	3,400.49	6,500.00		3,099.51
Dog Licenses	1,534.16	2,000.00		465.84
Business & Marriage Lic.	2,120.12	2,300.00		179.88
Miscellaneous Receipts	63.48	none	63.48	
Motor Vehicle Taxes	63,621.32	60,000.00	3,621.32	
Municipal Court	11,844.26	10,000.00	1,844.26	
Parks & Playgrounds	922.05	none	922.05	
Planning Board	35.00	none	35.00	
Sale—City Property	100.00	none	100.00	

N.H. Railroad Stock Tax	1,127.87	1,200.00		72.13
N.H. Head Tax Collection Fees	3,530.70	3,500.00	30.70	
N.H. Savings Bank Tax	3,748.96	3,748.96		
City Sealer Fees	245.42	250.00		4.58
Mis. Reimb.-Tax Collector	169.37	none	169.37	
Tax Collector Fees	940.96	1,300.00		359.04
Weirs Beach Services	8,726.11	12,000.00		3,273.89
Weirs Municipal Bldgs. Serv.	2,714.91	3,800.00		1,085.09
Welfare Dept.:	4,744.27	none	* 4,744.27	
(Bal. of $3,743.28 applied to budget as reduction)				
Zoning Board of Adjustment	100.00	150.00		50.00
Cash Overages	5.97	none	5.97	
	$200,716.05	$197,314.09	$12,121.52	$8,719.56

*Transferred to Welfare Dept. as Budget Increase	$ 3,743.28	
Increase to Surplus of City	8,378.24	
Decrease to Surplus of City		$8,719.56
Net Decrease to Surplus		$ 341.32

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.
Analysis of Changes in General Fund Surplus
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

Balance of Surplus, July 1, 1954		$100,072.57
Less—Amount applied to reduce 1954 tax rate		68,000.00
		$32,072.57
Less—Direct appropriations made by City during fiscal year not budgeted:		
1. Little League	$ 615.32	
2. City lock-up heating system	455.00	
3. Laconia Airport Authority	2,700.00	
4. Lakeport fire station land	7,000.00	
5. Moving safes—City Hall	800.00	
6. Survey—City Hall improvements	1,200.00	
7. Laconia Chamber of Commerce	500.00	
8. Purchase of land adjacent to City Hall	200.00	
9. Salary—part-time secretary	210.00	
10. Improvement—library corner	184.96	
		13,865.28
		$18,207.29
Less—Appropriations to cover insufficient items:		
1. Fire Department—asphalt work	$ 285.00	
2. Planning Board—travel	75.00	
3. Lavallee beach contract	800.00	
4. Insurance	406.60	
5. Public Library	1,474.08	
6. Parks & Playgrounds	271.00	
7. Election ballots	142.10	
8. Assessors—I.B.M. clerical asst.	85.00	
9. Health Department	20.00	

10. Weirs boardwalk repairs	345.83	
11. Street lighting	461.44	
12. Overlay for abatements	16,687.55	
13. Miscellaneous	42.00	
		21,095.60
		$ 2,888.31
Plus — Balance of budget "Mayor's Assistant" transferred by City to surplus	$2,248.75	
Balance of "Water Co. Study" budget transferred to surplus	7,718.22	
Reimbursement by State of New Hampshire on Endicott Rock improvements	3,575.00	
		13,541.97
Balance before closing of revenue & budget accounts		$ 10,653.66
Plus — Excess of budgeted appropriations over actual spent or retained	$30,649.34	
Excess budget funds of library returned to the City surplus	1,179.00	
State of New Hampshire head taxes and fines collected after final accounting to the State Treasurer	417.00	
Correction of 1950 tax levy	2.15	
		32,247.49
		$42,901.15
Less — Abatement of State of New Hampshire head taxes after final accounting to State Treasurer		1,781.16
		$41,119.99
Less — Net excess of Estimated Other Revenue over Actual Revenue		341.32
		$40,778.67

ANALYSIS OF PARKING METER SURPLUS
for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

Balance of Parking Meter Surplus, July 1, 1954		$7,057.13
Less — Amount applied toward retirement of parking lot bonds		5,000.00
		$2,057.13
Less — Deficit in Estimated Revenue:		
Estimated Meter Receipts	$25,000.00	
Actual Net Meter Receipts	24,868.10	
		131.90
		$1,925.23
Plus — Excess of Budgeted Expenditures over Actual Expenditures		1,528.49
Balance of Parking Meter Surplus, June 30, 1955		$3,453.72

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND
Statement of Financial Condition, June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:		
Peoples National Bank	$21,548.99	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n	22,150.22	
		$43,699.21
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer rental fees due on warrants:		
January 1, 1951	$ 6.00	
July 1, 1951	4.95	
January 1, 1952	15.03	
July 1, 1952	47.75	
January 1, 1953	36.80	
July 1, 1953	56.46	
January 1, 1954	242.76	
July 1, 1954	558.21	
January 1, 1955	1,374.49	
		2,342.45
Total Assets		$46,041.66

LIABILITIES, RESERVES, SURPLUS

Reserve for Depreciation — Plant & Equipment	$ 9,894.30
Unappropriated or Available Surplus	36,147.36
Total Liabilities, Reserves, Surplus	$46,041.66

ANALYSIS OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSE OF SEWERAGE PLANT AND FACILITIES
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

INCOME

Estimated Amount to be Raised		$32,000.00
Less — Income Earned, Actual:		
1. From two 6 mos. sewer rental levies	$33,660.04	
2. Interest on late bill payments	238.40	
3. Interest on invested surplus funds	649.85	
4. Miscellaneous income—fees & licenses	300.00	
		34,848.29
Excess of Income Earned over Estimate		$2,848.29

EXPENSE

Estimated Amount of Expenses		$32,000.00
Less — Actual Expenses:		
Clerical Assistance	$1,008.27	
Printing, Envelopes & Supplies	469.24	
Abatements	61.92	
Plant Operation	16,367.89	
Sewer Maintenance	9,325.63	

Keasor Court Pumping Station	477.99	
Depreciation transferred to reserve	3,200.00	
		30,910.94
Excess of Estimated Expense over Actual		$1,089.06

SUMMARY OF SURPLUS CHANGES

Balance, Sewerage Fund Surplus, July 1, 1954		$32,206.11
Plus — Above Excess of Income Earned over Estimate	$2,848.29	
Above Excess of Estimated Expense over Actual	1,089.06	
		3,937.35
		$36,143.46
Plus — Adjustment of refunds due		3.90
Unappropriated Sewerage Fund Surplus, June 30, 1955		$36,147.36

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.

Bonded Indebtedness

July 1, 1954 - June 30, 1955

Bonds		Original Amount	Rate of Interest	Principal Paid This Year	Interest Paid This Year	Principal Remaining To Be Paid
Practical Arts High School		$ 75,000.00	3%	$ 3,750.00	$ 168.75	$ 3,750.00
Public Improvement	1946	60,000.00	1¼%	6,000.00	187.50	12,000.00
" "	1947	100,000.00	1½%	10,000.00	525.00	30,000.00
" "	1948	225,000.00	2¼%	10,000.00	3,262.50	140,000.00
Fire Equipment Notes	1949	18,000.00	1½%	3,600.00	27.00	none
Weirs Municipal Beach	1950	35,000.00	1.35%	5,000.00	236.25	15,000.00
Sewer Plant & Improve.	1951	850,000.00	1½%	30,000.00	11,175.00	730,000.00
Parking Lot	1952	40,000.00	1¼%	8,000.00	300.00	16,000.00
School Improvement	1952	70,000.00	1.60%	10,000.00	880.00	50,000.00
Public Improvement	1952	60,000.00	1½%	12,000.00	630.00	36,000.00
Serial Notes Improvement	1953	22,000.00	2.10%	5,500.00	231.00	16,500.00
Public Improvement	1954	70,000.00	1½%	14,000.00	1,050.00	56,000.00
Serial Bonds Improvement	1954	16,000.00	1¾%	none	140.00	16,000.00
Public Works Equipment	1954	11,000.00	2%	none	110.00	11,000.00
Laconia Airport Authority	1954	17,000.00	2½%	none	none	17,000.00
Lakeport Fire Station	1955	81,000.00	2¼%	none	none	81,000.00
Total Paid on Debt This Year '54 - '55				$117,850.00	$18,923.00	
Total Debt, June 30, 1955						$1,230,250.00

BOND FUNDS
Statements of Financial Condition
as of June 30, 1955

Lakeport Fire Station

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories		$57,479.95

LIABILITIES AND RESERVE

Liabilities:		
Due—Architect's Fees	$1,680.69	
Due—W. Titus Contract	54,742.80	
		56,423.49
Reserve for Contingencies		1,056.46
Total Liabilities and Reserve		$57,479.95

1955 Improvement Laconia Airport

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories	$12,000.00

LIABILITIES

Liabilities:	
Due — Laconia Airport Authority	$12,000.00

1954 Serial Bonds
10-1-54 Issue

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories	$10,540.32

LIABILITIES

Sidewalks Improvement	$10,540.32

CITY OF LACONIA BOND FUNDS

Statements of Financial Condition
as of June 30, 1955
1954 Public Improvement & Equipment Bonds

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories	$35,312.58

LIABILITIES

Opechee Park & Playground	$3,305.16
Surface Drain — Wyatt Park Area	19,200.00
Rowell Street Improvement	2,468.93
Winter Street Sewer Extension	1,000.65
Winter Street Drain Extension Overdraft	396.55
Union Avenue — North Drain	1,648.84

Union Avenue (near Stark St.) Curbing	3,850.00	
Sidewalk Tractor	1,148.09	
Load Packer & Trucks	727.85	
Exchange of Trucks	2,359.61	
		$35,312.58

1953 Serial Notes

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories		$1,677.89

LIABILITIES

City Clerk's Office—Safe	$ 2.89	
Weirs Beach—Connect Beaches	1,675.00	
		$1,677.89

1952 Public Improvement Bonds

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories		$4,517.97

LIABILITIES AND RESERVE

Liabilities:		
Leavitt Park Clubhouse	$ 775.00	
Weirs Beach—Land from B & M	1,788.00	
		2,563.00
Reserve for Contingencies		1,954.97
Total Liabilities and Reserve		$4,517.97

Sewer Bonds

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories	$8,249.61

LIABILITIES AND RESERVE

Liabilities:	
Laconia Public Works Department	$2,964.92
Reserve for Contingencies	5,284.69
Total Liabilities and Reserve	$8,249.61

Weirs Municipal Beach Fund

ASSETS

Cash in Depositories	$ 26.18

LIABILITIES AND RESERVE

Liabilities	none
Reserve for Contingencies	$ 26.18

CITY OF LACONIA BOND FUNDS

(See Auditor's Report, Exh. for Unexpended Balances)

SEWER BONDS FUND

Cash Balance, July 1, 1954		$7,350.49
Receipts—Reimbursements to Public Works Dept. for Sewer Connections		899.12
TOTAL		$8,249.61
Total Expenditures		0.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955		$8,249.61

THE WEIRS MUNICIPAL BEACH BOND FUND

Cash Balance, July 1, 1954		$ 321.18
Total Receipts		0.00
TOTAL		$ 321.18
Total Expenditures—Electrical Work		$ 295.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955		$ 26.18

1952 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BONDS

Cash Balance, July 1, 1954		$4,517.97
Total Receipts and Expenditures		0.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955		$4,517.97

1953 SERIAL NOTES

Cash Balance, July 1, 1954		$2,650.00
Total Receipts		0.00
TOTAL		$2,650.00
Total Expenditures—City Clerk's Office Safe		972.11
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955		$1,677.89

1954 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT—4/1/54

Cash Balance, July 1, 1954		$69,644.78
Total Receipts		0.00
TOTAL		$69,644.78
Expenditures:		
Opechee Park and Playground	$11,444.84	
Rowell Street Improvement	2,331.07	
Winter Street Drain (Extension)	3,894.55	
Winter Street Sewer Extension	2,419.13	
Union Avenue (From Messer St. North Drain)	651.16	
Towards Sidewalk Tractor	3,151.91	
Load Packer and Truck	8,772.15	
Exchange of Trucks	1,667.39	
Total Expenditures		$34,332.20
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955		$35,312.58

1954 SERIAL BONDS—10/1/54

Cash Receipts—Serial Bonds		$16,000.00
Expenditures:		
City Hall Chairs	$1,549.25	
Sidewalks:		
Lewis St., North Side	496.27	
Clark Ave., North Side	813.12	
Main St. at Legion Home	975.00	
Opechee Park Entrance	378.00	
Walker St., South Side; Union Ave. at Butler St.	476.05	
Cook Court, South Side	771.99	
Total Expenditures		$5,459.68
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955		$10,540.32

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT BONDS—12/20/54

Cash Receipts—Bonds	$11,000.00
Expenditures—Sidewalk Tractors	$11,000.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955	$ 0.00

1955 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS LACONIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY—4/1/55

Cash Receipts—Bonds	$17,000.00
Total Expenditures—Laconia Airport Authority	5,000.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955	$12,000.00

LAKEPORT FIRE STATION BONDS—5/1/55

Cash Receipts—Bonds		$81,000.00
Expenditures:		
Contract Payable—Winston Titus	$21,393.90	
Architect's Fee—Norman P. Randlett	2,126.15	
Total Expenditures		23,520.05
Cash Balance, June 30, 1955		$57,479.95

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.
Statement of Condition — Capital Reserve Fund
as of June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash:	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association	$4,836.77

RESERVES

Fire Alarm Central System	$4,618.73
Truck Replacement (see note #1)	218.04
	$4,836.77

Note: 1. The Power Sweeper account and Screening & Gravel Plant account have been closed into the Truck Replacement account.

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.
Laconia Cemetery Trust Funds
Statement of Conditions June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:		
City Savings Bank	$30,887.79	
Laconia Savings Bank	44,187.68	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan	14,409.91	
Lakeport National Bank	333.09	
		$89,818.47
Investments — Common Trust Funds:		
Laconia Water Company	$ 100.00	
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	9,923.54	
Fidelity Fund, Inc.	10,653.85	
Mass. Investors Trust	5,075.02	
George Putnam Fund	4,981.74	
Chemical Fund, Inc.	10,329.32	
		41,063.47
Total Assets		$130,881.94

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Funds	$123,556.19
Available Dividends & Accrued Interest	7,325.75
Total Liabilities	$130,881.94

1. **Eaton & Howard Fund:**	
150 shs. original purchase	$ 4,998.00
19 shs. capital gain	458.99
130 shs. purchased in 1954	4,466.55
288 shs. stock split	
587 shs. @ 16.906	$ 9,923.54
2. **Fidelity Fund, Inc.:**	
267 shs. original purchase	$ 4,995.57

31 shs. capital gain	635.78	
250 shs. purchased in 1952	5,022.50	
548 shs. stock spit		
1096 shs. @ 9.721	$10,653.85	

3. **Mass. Investors Trust:**

230 shs. original purchase	$ 4,981.80	
4 shs. capital gain	93.22	
234 shs. @ 21.688	$ 5,075.02	

4. **George Putnam Fund:**

237 shs. original purchase	$ 4,981.74	
237 shs. stock split		
474 shs. @ 10.51	$ 4,981.74	

5. **Chemical Fund, Inc.:**

150 shs. original purchase	$ 3,588.00	
50 shs. purchased 7-10-54	1,251.00	
50 shs. purchased 8-9-54	1,303.50	
50 shs. purchased 9-13-54	1,271.50	
50 shs. purchased 10-11-54	1,333.00	
47 shs. purchased 11-8-54	1,239.39	
13 shs. capital gain	342.93	
410 shs. stock split 6-30-55		
820 shs. @ 12.597	$10,329.32	

6. **Laconia Water Company:**

2 shs.	$ 100.00	

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.
Leavitt Park Trust Funds
Statement of Condition June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:		
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association		$ 4,116.61
Investments:		
Stocks:		
Eaton & Howard Balance Fund	$ 3,416.33	
Fidelity Fund, Inc.	5,022.79	
New England Tel. & Tel.	800.00	
Laconia Water Company	3,500.00	
	$12,739.12	
Bonds:		
U. S. Government	200.00	
		12,939.12
Total Assets		$17,055.73

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Funds		$13,016.88
Available Dividends & Accrued Interest		4,038.85
Total Liabilities		$17,055.73

1. **Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund:**		
100 shs. original purchase	$ 3,184.00	
5 shs. capital gain	156.45	
210 shs. stock split		
4 shs. capital gain	75.88	
214 shs.	$ 3,416.33	
2. **Fidelity Fund, Inc.:**		
266 shs. original purchase	$ 4,648.35	
19 shs. capital gain	374.44	
570 shs. stock split		
570 shs.	$ 5,022.79	
3. **New England Tel. & Tel.:**		
7 shs. original purchase	$ 700.00	
1 sh. purchased 3-30-55	100.00	
8 shs.	$ 800.00	
4. **Laconia Water Company:**		
70 shs.	$ 3,500.00	
5. **U. S. Government Bonds:**	$ 200.00	

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.
Charles H. Perkins High School Trust Fund
Statement of Condition June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Bank:		
Laconia Savings Bank		$ 451.23
Investments:		
Eaton & Howard	$2,538.78	
Fidelity Fund, Inc.	2,782.65	
		5,321.43
Total Assets		$5,772.66

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Fund		$5,471.00
Available Accrued Interest & Dividends		301.66
Total Liabilities		$5,772.66

1. **Eaton & Howard Fund:**	
75 shs. original purchase	$2,388.00
3 shs. capital gain	93.87

78 shs. stock split		
156 shs.		
3 shs. capital gain	56.91	
159 shs.	$2,538.78	
2. **Fidelity Fund, Inc.:**		
148 shs. original purchase	$2,586.30	
10 shs. capital gain	196.35	
158 shs. stock split		
316 shs.		$2,782.65

CITY OF LACONIA, N. H.
Library Trust Funds
Statement of Condition, June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Banks		$11,332.62
Investments:		
U. S. Government Bonds	$10,525.00	
Stocks	2,500.00	
Coupons Due and Receivable	43.75	
		13,068.75
Total Assets		$24,401.37

LIABILITIES

Regular Principal Trust Funds	$19,592.66
Principal and Interest—Gale Bldg. Fund Account	4,621.90
Available Accrued Interest & Coupons	186.81
Total Liabilities	$24,401.37

Notes: 1. The Gale Building Fund account received, at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1955, $528.00 from the surplus resulting from operations of the public library during the past year. Three thousand dollars was transferred to this building account during the year from budget appropriations to the library from the City.

ORDINANCES

Passed during the Year ending June 30, 1955

CITY OF LACONIA

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SALARIES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend Section 4 of Chapter 20 of the Compiled Ordinances as amended by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 4. The moderator of each ward, the ward clerk of each ward, and each of the selectmen of each ward shall receive in full for his services compensation at the rate of $9.00 per day for each day's services when attending elections.

Each of the selectmen of each ward shall receive in addition to the above, the sum of $6.00 for the preparation and dismantling of the polling places for each election.

The ward clerk of each ward and/or each selectman of each ward shall receive $2.00 for performing the following duties: Posting warrants, drawing jurors, revising the jury lists, and other similar duties.

Payment for the above services shall be made in the next treasury warrant following the completion of duties.

2. Amend Section 5 of said Chapter 20 as amended by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 5. Each member of the Board of Supervisors of Check-lists and each Inspector of Elections shall receive in full for his services compensation at the rate of $9.00 per day for each day's services when attending elections. Each member of the Board of Supervisors of Check-lists shall receive in full for his services compensation at the rate of $6.00 per day when in session for the alteration of registration of party members and/or corrections to the check-lists and for posting notices as required by law. Payment shall be made in the next treasury warrant following the completion of duties.

3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 26th day of July, 1954.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO PURCHASING.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of ordinance relative to purchasing, passed and approved April 26, 1950, by striking out the whole of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 and inserting in place the following:

Section 1. The Accounts and Claims Committee of the City of Laconia shall act as the purchasing agency for all departments of the city except as elsewhere specified by law. Purchases prescribed below shall be approved by said committee, but said committee shall have the right to delegate in writing or remove in writing to any particular department all or any part of its purchasing authority insofar as said committee's authority applies to that particular department, and further shall have the right to delegate all or any part of its purchasing authority subject to re-call at any time, to an employee of the city who shall be called purchasing agent. Said purchasing agent shall be under the supervision of the accounts and claims committee at all times, and from time to time upon request he shall report, in writing, to said committee. This ordinance shall not apply to the Public Works Department, the School Department and the Public Library.

2. *Section 2.* Any purchase or contract for services of $25.00 or less shall be made by purchase order, in duplicate, which shall be in such form to indicate the name of the vendor, the department, the appropriation item from which it is to be paid, and a description and price of each item purchased. All such purchase orders shall be signed by the department head who will retain all originals and forward them to the City Fiscal Officer not later than seven days prior to the regular monthly

council meeting. The duplicates shall be presented to the vendor as proper authorization for the purchase. In no case shall the fiscal officer make a draft for payment without receipt of original of such orders signed by the department head. The Fiscal Officer shall attach the original purchase order to the vendor's statement.

3. *Section 3.* Any purchase or contract for services of over $25.00 shall be made by requisition, in duplicate, which shall be in such form to indicate the vendor, the purchasing department, a description and costs of the purchase, and the appropriation item from which it is to be paid. The requisition shall be signed by the department head and countersigned by the Chairman of the Accounts and Claims Committee or the duly appointed agent of said Committee upon ascertainment as to availability of funds. The originals of such requisitions shall be forwarded to the Fiscal Officer not later than seven days prior to the regular monthly council meeting, and the duplicate shall be presented to the vendor as proper authorization for the purchase. Only in cases of emergency where it would be deemed impractical by the department head to follow above procedure relative to contract for services will the city be liable for payment. The Accounts and Claims Committee, or the duly appointed agent of said Committee, shall have the right to require the submitting of prices from three different vendors where possible before approving a requisition and shall have the right to require competitive bidding for any purchase of $100.00 or more.

4. *Section 4.* Each department shall be entirely responsible for the determination of its own purchasing needs within its regular budget appropriation therefor. Before any purchase shall be made for which competitive bidding has been requested the department submitting the purchase requisition shall submit at least three such bids where possible to the Accounts and Claims Committee. Notice of any competitive bids may be published in the newspaper at least five days prior to the final date for submitting bids. The Accounts and Claims Committee shall in its own discretion authorize by a majority of the committee countersigning the acceptable bid the acceptance by any department of any bid submitted thereto. The Committee may reject any and all bids submitted to it and may thereafter secure competitive bids on the item or items requested without notice to the department concerned. The final acceptance of all bids shall in every instance be made by the department concerned, but no bid shall be accepted by any department until authorization in writing for said acceptance by a majority of the Committee shall appear on the lowest and most responsible bid.

5. This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after passage.

Passed and approved December 27, 1954.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend the compiled ordinances relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed August 25, 1952, by adding to Article VI, Section A (Fifteen-minute parking) the following:

8. Three (3) parking spaces immediately in front of the door of the Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association on Main Street.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 31st day of January 1955.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LACONIA.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend the zoning map, a part of the zoning ordinance of the City of Laconia, from an agricultural zone to an R-1 (single family) zone for the area described as follows:

Beginning at a point one hundred and fifty feet east of the center line of the new State Route #106 at Prescott Hill and on the Laconia-Belmont

boundary line, extending in a northerly direction parallel to new Route #106 maintaining a distance of one hundred and fifty feet from the center line of said highway to the point where such line so extended intersects the R1 (single family) zoning district line which parallels the south side of Tilton Avenue; thence following said R-1 (single family) zoning district boundary which parallels the south side of Tilton Avenue in a westerly direction to a point on that district boundary line situated one hundred and fifty feet west of the center line of new Route #106; thence extending in a southerly direction parallel to new Route #106 and maintaining a distance of one hundred and fifty feet from the center line of said highway to the intersection of said line so extended with the Laconia-Belmont boundary line; thence following said Laconia-Belmont boundary line in an easterly direction to the point of beginning, so as to provide a strip of land one hundred and fifty feet in depth measured from the center line of Route #106 on both sides of said new State highway, zoned for R-1, single family use.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 28th day of February, 1955.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin, Mayor

In the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

AN ORDINANCE relative to the amending of Traffic Rules and Regulations.

Amend the compiled ordinances relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 26, 1952, and November 30, 1953, as follows:

Amend Article IV, One Way Streets, Section A, by adding the following paragraph:

11. Rowe Court: Motor vehicles shall move in a northerly direction from Court Street to the boundary line of the Spears property, so-called, nearest to the river. The rest of Rowe Court is to remain twoway.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of April, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

In the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

AN ORDINANCE relative to Renaming of Pearl Street Grounds, so-called, to Memorial Park.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Section 1. That the tract of land located off Pearl Street south, on Academy Street and known as Pearl Street Grounds, so-called, be renamed Memorial Park.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of April, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

In the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

AN ORDINANCE relative to the Licensing of Bicycles Within the City of Laconia.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend the ordinance relative to licensing bicycles passed and approved September 26, 1949 as follows:

Section 8. *License Application.* Strike out the words "Chief of Police" and insert in place thereof "Tax Collector".

(a) Strike out the words "Chief of Police" and insert in place thereof "Tax Collector".

(b) Strike out the words "Chief of Police" and insert in place thereof "Tax Collector".

(f) Strike out the words "Chief of Police" and insert in place thereof "Tax Collector".

(g) Strike out the words "Police Department" and insert in place thereof "Tax Collector's Office".

(h) Strike out the words "Police Department" and insert in place thereof "Tax Collector's Office".

Section 8. *Requirements to obtain license.* Strike out the words "Chief of Police" and insert in place thereof "Tax Collector".

Amend the amendment passed August 25, relative to licensing bicycles as follows:

Strike out the words "Chief of Police" and insert in place thereof the words "Tax Collector".

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of April, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO CLASSIFICATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Mayor's Office.

(a) *Secretary:*

The Mayor's Secretary shall perform the following duties:

(1) Take dictation and transcribe letters, reports and other communications.

(2) Make appointments and handle the Mayor's schedule.

(3) Answer requests for information, and refer communications to the proper departments.

(4) Prepare and maintain all records pertaining to the proceedings of the City Council; attend all Council meetings.

(5) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the Mayor.

Salary Scale: $2400-$2900, plus $5.00 per Council meeting attended or other meetings attended at the request of the Mayor.

Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(b) *Part-time Secretary:*

The Part-time Secretary shall perform the following duties:

(1) Assist the Planning Director, City Solicitor, Welfare Director, and Chief of Police by taking dictation, transcribing letters, reports and other communications, and answering the telephone for the Welfare Director and the Planning Director when they are out.

(2) Perform all other related functions as required.

Salary Scale: $25.00-$30.00 per week.

Hours: 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m., Monday through Friday.

SECTION 2. City Clerk's Office.

(a) *City Clerk:*

The City Clerk shall perform the following duties:

(1) Register motor vehicles, issue and record various licenses and permits.

(2) Maintain complete records of births, deaths, and marriages.

(3) Record conditional sales and mortgages.

(4) Attend all Council and budget meetings and perform duties in connection therewith.

(5) Prepare ballots, accept filings of candidates for elections, and supervise drawings of juries.

(6) Supervise the maintenance of ward houses and City Hall.

(7) Maintain a file of deeds, leases, writs, insurance policies, and legal papers.

(8) Approve all bills before submission to Committee on Accounts and Claims.

(9) Answer questions pertaining to City affairs.

(10) Perform all other related functions as required.

Salary Scale: $3900-$4800, plus reimbursement for car mileage on city business at 6¢ per mile.

Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(b) *Assistant to the City Clerk:*

The Assistant to the City Clerk shall perform the following duties:

(1) Receive payment of motor vehicles registrations and various licenses and permits over the counter.

(2) Issue copies of vital statistics.

(3) Keep all municipal court records, including small claims and follow-ups.

(4) Prepare necessary papers for adoptions, etc.

(5) Type records, cards, memoranda, reports, and other material.

(6) Index and file reports, permits, forms, and other material.

(7) Perform all other related functions as required or directed by the City Clerk.

Salary Scale: $2350-$3000.

Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(c) *Clerk-Typist:*

The Clerk-Typist shall perform the following duties:

(1) Receive payment of motor vehicle registrations and various licenses and permits over the counter.

(2) Issue copies of vital statistics.

(3) Record and file mortgages, conditional sale contracts and discharges.

(4) Index and file reports, permits, forms, and other material.

(5) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the City Clerk.

Salary Scale: $2350-$2650.

Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(d) *Fiscal Officer:*

The Fiscal Officer shall perform the following duties:

(1) Examine bills for all departments except Public Library, Public Works Department, School District, and Welfare Department before submitting to Accounts and Claims Committee monthly, and prepare monthly draft.

(2) Perform varied and diversified work involved in keeping municipal accounting records.

(2) Prepare monthly budget statements for all departments with exception of School District, Public Works Department and Public Library; prepare monthly budget and Estimated Revenue statements for City Council.

(4) Prepare annual financial reports for City Report and annual statement required by State Tax Commission.

(5) Make daily deposit of City Clerk's cash receipts.

(6) Prepare weekly payrolls for City Hall and Parks & Playgrounds employees.

(7) Prepare and submit budget forms to all departments with exception of School District and Public Works Department and submit Estimated Revenue forms to proper departments to secure estimated figures in connection with annual budget.

(8) Check all budgets submitted by departments and prepare copies for City Council.

(9) Attend all budget hearings and Council meetings.

(10) Prepare financial statements and perform other related functons as required.

Salary Scale: $2400-$3300.

Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

Section 3. Tax Collector's Office.

(a) *Tax Collector:*

The Tax Collector shall perform the following duties:

(1) Supervise the collection of all taxes, sewer rentals, and issuance of bicycle permits.

(2) Record all receipts, and deposit them with City Treasurer.

(3) Make up and conduct Tax Collector's Sale of unpaid taxes.

(4) Supervise maintenance of parking meters and collection of money therefrom.

(5) Answer questions and give information to taxpayers regarding bills due city.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required.

Salary Scale: $3900-$4800, plus reimbursement for car mileage on city business at 6¢ per mile.

Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(b) *Assistant Tax Collector:*

The Assistant Tax Collector shall perform the following duties:

(1) Receive payment of taxes, sewer bills, and issue bicycle permits over counter.

(2) Balance cash receipts each night.

(3) Prepare and mail tax notices and prove tax warrants.

(4) Type reports, memoranda, cards, and other materials as required.

(5) Keep all necessary records covering the various revenues.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required or directed by the Tax Collector.

Salary Scale: $2350-$2900.

Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(c) *Clerk-Typist:*

The Clerk-Typist in the Tax Collector's office shall perform the following duties:

(1) Assist in receiving payment of taxes, sewer bills, and bicycle permits over counter.

(2) Type records, cards, memoranda, reports, and other material.

(3) Assist in preparing and mailing tax notices.

(4) Perform responsible clerical and record-keeping tasks.

(5) Index and file reports, permits, forms, and other material.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required or directed by the Tax Collector.

Salary Scale: $2350-$2650.

Hours: 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday.

SECTION 4. Assessors' Office.

(a) *Manager:*

The Office Manager shall perform the following duties:

(1) Prepare assessors' budget and approve vouchers.

(2) Maintain all equipment and records pertaining to assessors' office.

(3) Direct and supervise Deputy Tax Assessors.

(4) Assemble and analyze data on which property appraisals and assessments are based.

(5) Assist the general public and others who have occasion to use the department's records.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the Board of Assessors through its Chairman.

Salary Scale: $2700-$3800.

Hours: 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(b) *Map Supervisor:*

The Map Supervisor shall perform the following duties:

(1) Make transfers and code property.

(2) Assist in preparation of deed copies for split properties.

(3) Prepare new plats for assessor's map and make corrections.

(4) Index deed copies and enter transfer in master file.

(5) Assist taxpayers and others with map information.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the Board of Assessors through its Chairman or the Office Manager.

Salary Scale: $2350-$2600.

Hours: 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(c) *Clerk-Typist:* (Part-time).

The Clerk-Typist shall perform the following duties:

(1) Type records, cards, memoranda, reports, and other material.

(2) Index and file assessors' records.

(3) Perform all other related functions as required by the Office Manager.

Salary Scale: $1.00-$1.35 per hour.

Hours: 8:00 a. m. to 1.00 p. m. Monday through Friday, or as required to properly perform duties.

SECTION 5. Planning Board.

(a) *Planning Director:*

The Planning Director shall perform the following duties:

(1) Investigate, study, and report on matters relating to zoning, including the preparation, revision and modification of ordinances and maps.

(2) Investigate, study and report on all phases of highway layout, widening, abandonment and use, and traffic and parking problems.

(3) Investigate, study and report on phases of sub-division control.

(4) Investigate, study, and report on all matters relating to construction and use of municipal structures, buildings, land (including tax title land), parks, playgrounds, and other municipal property.

(5) Develop plans and surveys relative to the promotion of prospective industrial and community development.

(6) Act as a research agency in other municipal matters as required.

(7) Perform all other related functions as required.

Salary Scale: $3500-$6000, plus reimbursement for car mileage on city business at 6¢ per mile.

Hours: 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday. When absent from office, shall leave a card on door, giving estimated time of return. Shall also complete slips on outside calls, giving time of departure, destination, reason for call, and time of return, and mileage, these slips to be turned in to the Mayor's office weekly.

SECTION 6. Welfare Department.

(a) *Director of Welfare:*

The Director of Welfare shall perform the following duties:

(1) Investigate personally all requests for relief.

(2) Authorize such relief aid as may be necessary under law.

(3) Prepare and maintain all necessary relief records.

(4) Maintain and care for all property and equipment assigned to the Welfare Department.

(5) Be solely in charge of room where surplus commodities are

kept and shall maintain an inventory sheet showing goods received during each month, and amount of goods on hand at end of each month in each location, together with individual receipts from those receiving commodities, listing what was received, item by item. Shall each month distribute by car surplus commodities according to the law in effect.

(6) Prepare and submit a complete monthly report at each regular Council meeting.

(7) Perform all other related functions as required.

Salary Scale: $2700-$3500, plus reimbursement for car mileage on city business at 6¢ per mile.

Hours: 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with one hour for lunch, Monday through Friday. When absent from office, shall leave a card on door, giving estimated time of return. Shall also complete slips on outside calls, giving time of departure, destination, reason for call, and time of erturn , these slips to be turned in to the Mayor's office weekly.

SECTION 7. Health Department.

(a) *Health Officer:*

The Health Officer shall perform the following duties:

(1) Procure, study and analyze data concerning public health, and take whatever action is necessary to protect and preserve the public health.

(2) Investigate and render assistance in reference to private water supply and septic tanks.

(3) Investigate all communicable diseases.

(4) Investigate and inspect all dairy plants, dairy farms, and receiving stations; collect, analyze and report on dairy samples.

(5) Investigate all sanitary hazards, and enforce sanitary laws.

(6) Conduct ante mortem and post mortem inspection of livestock sold for food to Laconia area.

(7) Inspect all restaurants and food dispensing establishments, convalescent, boarding, and foster homes; cabin colonies, hospitals, barber shops, grocery stores, bakeries, homes, and apartments.

(8) Supervise laboratory procedure, and maintain and care for all property assigned to the Health Department.

(9) Perform all other related functions as required.

Salary Schedule: $3900-$4600, plus reimbursement for car mileage on city business at 6¢ per mile.

Hours: 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with one hour for lunch, Monday through Friday. Shall complete slips on outside calls, giving time of departure, destination, reason for call, mileage, and time of return, these slips to be turned in to the Mayor's office weekly.

(b) *Laboratory Technician:*

The Laboratory Technician shall perform the following duties:

(1) Perform bacterial analyses—plate, microscopical examinations, butter fat, phosphatase, total solids, etc.

(2) Use laboratory sterilization technique.

(3) Type records, memoranda and other materials as required.

(4) Maintain all necessary records.

(5) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the Health Officer.

Salary Scale: $2340-$2700.

Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(c) *City Nurse:*

The City Nurse shall perform the following duties:

(1) Maintain bedside nursing in homes, using treatment ordered by physician.

(2) Be on call for special treatment at convalescent homes.

(3) Instruct family members on infant care, etc.

(4) Visit and care for crippled children.

(5) Give welfare help to special families.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the Health Officer.

Salary Scale: $3000-$3800.

Hours: As required to properly perform duties.

SECTION 8. Department of Public Works.

(a) *City Engineer:*

The City Engineer shall perform the following duties:

(1) Supervise the Public Works and

Engineering Departments under a Board of Public Works.

(2) Perform all high level administrative duties within his department.

(3) Plan and supervise the construction and maintenance of streets, highways, bridges, sidewalks, and sewers in the city.

(4) Direct and supervise the operation of the Tree Warden.

(5) Inspect and/or supervise the Inspection of Plumbing.

(6) Supervise the overall operation of the Refuse Collection and Disposal Division.

(7) Supervise the operation of the Public Works Garage and equipment.

(8) Supervise the operation of the Sanitary Sewer System and Sewage Treatment plant.

(9) Supervise and direct the preparation of surveys, plans and estimates for public works projects—highways, sidewalks, bridges, sewers.

(10) Consult with other department heads and at their request furnish information, prepare plans and estimates and generally direct the construction of many of their projects.

(11) Prepare specifications and advertisements for bids for material and supplies for use of the Public Works Department.

(12) As a member of the Board for Licensing Plumbers, shall prepare and give plumbing examinations to applicants and issue plumbing licenses.

(13) Shall serve as a member of the Planning Board.

(14) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the Board of Public Works or the Mayor and Council.

Salary Scale: $5000-$7000.

Hours: As required to properly perform duties.

(b) *Assistant City Engineer:*

The Assistant City Engineer shall perform the following duties:

(1) Assist the City Engineer in the supervision of the Public Works and Engineering.

(2) Assist in the preparation of plans and supervision of construction and maintenance of streets, highways, bridges, and sewers.

(5) Supervise the preparation of weekly payroll, monthly warrant, sewer rental bills, and maintenance and construction cost records.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the City Engineer.

Salary Scale: $3900-$5000.

Hours: As required to properly perform duties.

(c) *Secretary-Clerk:*

The Secretary-Clerk shall perform the following duties:

(1) Work under supervision of the City Engineer.

(2) Take dictation and transcribe letters, reports, and other communications.

(3) Prepare monthly draft, and maintain all types of records, payroll, and work costs.

(4) Make appointments and answer requests for informattion.

(5) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the City Engineer.

Salary Scale: $2350-$2800.

Hours: 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with an hour and a half for lunch, Monday through Friday.

(d) *Engineering Aides:* (I) — (II).

The Engineering Aides shall perform the following duties:

(1) Work under supervision of City Engineer or assistant.

(2) Conduct field surveys and prepare maps and plan drawings from field surveys.

(3) Conduct surveys under supervision of City Engineer or assistant for road, sidewalk, sewer, and other municipal construction.

(4) Inspect plumbing.

(5) Prepare assessors' map.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required or as directed by the City Engineer.

Salary Scale: (I) — (II) $2700-$3800.

Hours: 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. with one hour for lunch, Monday through Friday.

Section 9. City Hall Maintenance.

(a) *Janitor:*

The janitor shall perform the following duties:

(1) Clean, dust, wash, wax and generally maintain the rooms and rest rooms in City Hall. All rooms shall be kept clean

and all floors washed and waxed at least every two weeks. All floors and stairways shall be swept daily and all rooms and furniture dusted thoroughly at least weekly.

(2) Maintain and operate the heating and lighting systems of City Hall.

(3) Perform all outside maintenance work around City Hall, including the care of City Hall lawn.

(4) Care for and maintain all property and equipment assigned to City Hall.

(5) His immediate superior shall be the custodian of City Hall.

(6) Perform all other related functions as required.

Salary Scale: $2350-$2700.

Hours: As required to properly perform duties. All offices are to be cleaned, including sweeping, washing floors, dusting, and waxing floors, at times other than during office hours.

SECTION 10. Salary Increases.

(a) Salary increases are to made only after recommendation by department heads within the salary ranges adopted by this ordinance.

SECTION 11. Attendance and Leave.

(a) *Holidays:*
The official holidays shall be: New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Fast Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Election Day (State), Armistice Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

(b) *Vacations:*
All permanent employees shall be entitled to a vacation of two weeks each year, with the exception of the City Nurse who shall receive an additional two weeks to compensate for the extra duties she performs each year. Vacations shall be taken at a time approved by the various department heads. The department heads shall take vacations at times approved by the Mayor.

(c) *Sick Leave:*
Each regular, full-time employee in the service of the city for less than ten years at the time of the passage of this ordinance shall be entitled to fifteen days sick leave with pay; for those with ten to twenty years service, thirty days; for those who have been in the service of the city for over twenty years, forty-five days. Additional sick leave shall be computed at the rate of a day and a quarter per month and may be accumulated to a maximum of sixty days.

SECTION 12. Supervision and Execution.

(a) The supervision and execution of the provisions herein contained shall be administered by a board consisting of the Mayor and two members of the City Council, at least one of whom shall be of a different political party.

(b) All grievances and complaints shall be taken direct to said board and their decision in all matters pertaining to the execution and administration of this ordinance shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

SECTION 13. This ordinance to take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this first day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend the ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article 6 entitled Parking Time Limits by adding the following to Section A:

8. The two parking spaces immediately adjacent to the Busy Corner Store on Union Avenue, the two spaces immediately in front of the Simoneau Funeral Home on Union Avenue, and the two parking spaces in front of Normandin Block numbered 230 and 234 southerly of the Simoneau Funeral Home on Union Avenue.

2. Amend the ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Reguiations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article 6 entitled Parking Time Limits by adding the following to Section B:

5. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue between Summer Street and Winter Street.

3. Amend the ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article 6 entitled Parking Time Limits by adding the following to Section C:

35. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue between Spring Street and Summer Street.

4. Amend the ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article 6 by adding a new Section:

H.. 30 minute parking. No vehicle shall stop or stand for more than 30 minutes at a time from nine o'clock a. m. until six o'clock p. m. on a Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, or from nine o'clock a. m. to eight o'clock, p. m. on a Friday, holidays and Sundays excepted, on:

1. The seven parking spaces beginning with the corner of Winter Street and proceeding northerly on Union Avenue to the junction of the driveway leading to the side entrance of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 9th day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Amend the ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article II Administration and Enforcement, by striking out Section A in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION A. Punishment for Violation.

1. Any person violating any provision of this chapter relative to parking meter time limit shall be punished by a fine of One ($1.00) Dollar.
2. Any person violating any provision of this chapter except parking meter time limit shall be punishment by a fine of not more than Twenty ($20.00) Dollars.

2. Amend the ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article VI, Section C. Two Hour Parking, as amended, by adding the following:

36. All the remaining City Hall parking lot not metered, the Theater Parking lot, so-called, and the Laconia Fire Station parking lot.

3. Amend the ordinance relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, Article VI, Section G-1. Parking Meter Zone, by adding the following:

(s) All the remaining City Hall parking lot not metered, the Theater parking lot, so-called, and the Laconia Fire Station parking lot.

4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 27th day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

Passed during the Year ending June 30, 1955

CITY OF LACONIA

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT EXCEEDING $300,000 NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE TAXES OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1954.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act the City Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to issue from time to time not exceeding $300,000 notes in anticipation of the taxes of the financial year beginning July 1, 1954, which amount will not exceed the tax levy of the city for said year.

Passed and approved this 26th day of July, 1954.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

A RESOLUTION MAKING ITEMIZED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1954 AND TERMINATING JUNE 30, 1955.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the following itemized appropriations be made for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1954 and terminating June 30, 1955.

General Fund:

1. Assessors	$14,729.00
a. Auto Expense	200.00
b. Equipment	275.00
c. Longevity	90.00
d. Register of Deeds	260.00
e. Salaries	11,183.00
f. Supplies & Printing	761.00
g. Telephone	160.00
h. Travel	100.00
i. IBM Service	1,700.00
2. Athletic Floodlights	300.00
3. Belknap County Tax	69,271.60
4. Bonded Debt	112,850.00
a. Practical Arts & School Bonds	3,750.00
b. Public Improvement Bonds, 1946	6,000.00
c. Public Improvement Bonds, 1947	10,000.00
d. Public Improvement Bonds, 1948	10,000.00
e. Fire Equipment Notes, 1949	3,600.00
f. The Weirs Beach Bonds	5,000.00
g. Sewerage Disposal Plant	30,000.00
h. Parking Lot Bonds, 1952	3,000.00
i. School Bonds, 1952	10,000.00
j. Public Improvement Bonds, 1952	12,000.00
k. Serial Notes—1953	5,500.00
l. Public Improvement Bonds, 1954	14,000.00
5. Interest Debt	20,083.75
a. Practical Arts & School Bonds	168.75
b. Public Improvement Bonds, 1946	225.00
c. Public Improvement Bonds, 1947	525.00
d. Public Improvement Bonds, 1948	3,262.50
e. Fire Equipment Notes, 1949	27.00
f. The Weirs Beach Bonds	236.25
g. Sewerage Disposal Plant	11,175.00
h. Parking Lot Bonds, 1952	300.00
i. School Bonds, 1952	880.00
j. Public Improvement Bonds, 1952	630.00
k. Serial Notes, 1953	404.25
l. Public Improvement Bonds, 1954	1,050.00
m. Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	1,200.00
6. Maintenance of City Hall	7,845.16
a. Fuel	1,500.00
b. Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,000.00
c. Lakeport Clock	250.00
d. Lights & Power	800.00
e. Slary — Janitor	2,565.16
f. Supplies	750.00
g. Equipment	100.00
h. Longevity — Janitor	180.00
i. Furnishings	700.00
7. City Officers' Expenses	9,710.00
a. City Report	1,800.00
b. Dog Officer	900.00
c. Flowers	75.00
d. Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses	85.00
e. Supplies, Equipment, etc.	6,000.00
f. Taxes—Gilford Sandbank	50.00
g. Telephone	500.00
h. Travel & Conventions	300.00

8. Civilian Defense	500.00
9. Elections	5,675.00
a. Labor, Materials & Trucking	200.00
b. Printing & Notices	900.00
c. Rent	200.00
d. Salaries—Ward Officers	4,250.00
e. Supplies	125.00
10. Fire Department	84,634.62
a. Batteries for Trucks	160.00
b. Fire Alarm—Labor, Material & Maintenance	500.00
c. Fire Inspection	175.00
d. Forest Fires	50.00
e. Fuel, Oil & Coal	1,800.00
f. Gas	70.00
g. Gasoline	600.00
h. Insurance—Accident	318.20
i. Laundry	160.00
j. Lights & Power	975.00
k. Longevity	360.00
l. Lunches, Travel & Conventions	50.00
m. N. H. Motor Vehicles Inspection	18.00
n. Office Expense	25.00
o. Oil for Trucks & Compressors	50.00
p. Radio Maintenance	130.00
q. Salaries	67,986.42
r. Snow Removal	50.00
s. State of N.H. Retirement	2,506.00
t. Station Maintenance—Labor	100.00
u. Station Maintenance—Materials	350.00
v. Supplies	1,000.00
w. Telephone	925.00
x. Truck Repairs & Maintenance	1,200.00
y. Uniform Allowance	850.00
z. Water	100.00
Administration of Fire Prevention Ordinance	1,000.00
Capital Outlays	3,126.00
11. Health Department	12,390.00
a. Equipment & Supplies	300.00
b. Longevity	120.00
c. Mileage	700.00
d. Milk & Cream	150.00
e. Printing & Postage	50.00
f. Salaries	10,870.00
g. Supplies, City Nurse	50.00
h. Telephone & Gas	150.00
12. Hydrant Service	35,800.00
13. Insurance	5,061.94
a. Fire Insurance	2,831.83
b. Public Liability & Property Damage	1,425.00
c. Fire, Theft, Collision & $50 Deductible on 2 Police Cars	700.00
d. Floodlights	105.11
14. Laconia Hospital	8,000.00
15. Miscellaneous	2,605.00
a. Lakes Region Association	500.00
b. Public Wharves—Repairs & Rent	750.00
c. Spraying Ragweed	250.00
d. Spraying Poison Ivy	500.00
e. Laconia Chamber of Commerce Dues	105.00
f. The Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce Dues	500.00
16. Municipal Court	3,400.00
a. City Physician—Examinations	200.00
b. Equipment	100.00
c. Salaries	2,900.00
d. Supplies	200.00
17. Parks & Playgrounds	16,775.00
a. Band Concerts	360.00
b. Fuel	1,800.00
c. Gas, Lights & Power	900.00
d. Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,500.00
e. Moving Bleachers	250.00
f. Salaries Park Attendants	3,750.00
g. Skating Rinks	900.00
h. Supplies	600.00
i. Wages—Laborers	2,800.00
j. Water Ski Meet	500.00
k. Capital Outlays	3,415.00
18. The Weirs Beach	11,106.00
a. Band Concert	125.00
b. Coke Machine	1,100.00
c. Ice Cream & Miscellaneous	350.00
d. Equipment	500.00
e. Labor & Materials for Repairs	2,000.00
f. Lights & Power	100.00
g. Salaries—Lifeguards & Collectors	5,150.00
h. Supplies	500.00
i. Telephone	50.00
j. Capital Outlays	1,231.00
19. Patriotic Purposes	1,450.00
a. 4th of July	600.00
b. Memorial Day	600.00
c. Spanish War Veterans	250.00
20. Planning Board	6,670.00
a. Equipment	20.00
b. Printing & Copy	200.00
c. Salary—Clerical	50.00
d. Salary—Director	5,500.00
e. Supplies	150.00
f. Telephone, Postage & Contingencies	250.00
g. Travel	100.00
h. Car Allowance (Mileage in town)	400.00
21. Police Department	*96,968.75
a. Auto Expense	2,160.00

b. City Lockup Supplies	150.00
c. Equipment	609.00
d. Labor & Materials for Repairs	35.00
e. Longevity	1,680.00
f. Lunches, Travel & Conventions	200.00
g. Medical Expenses	50.00
h. Miscellaneous & Contingences	100.00
i. Printing	100.00
j. Radio & Professional Services	150.00
k. Salaries	79,883.30
l. Sick Leave	2,753.00
m. State of N. H. Retirement	3,586.30
n. Supplies	600.00
o. Telephone, Postage & Contingencies	2,300.00
p. Uniform Allowance	1,575.00
q. Water, Lights & Power	65.00
r. Capital Outlays	971.55
22. Public Library & Gale Park	*26,047.97
a. Operation, Maintenance & Supplies	9,099.90
b. Salaries & Longevity	20,176.30
c. Fund for Children's Room	3,000.00
23. Public Works Department	189,094.00
a. Highway & Bridge Maintenance	66,000.00
b. Winter Maintenance	51,350.00
c. Collection of Ashes & Waste	26,000.00
d. City Engineering	12,800.00
s. Cleaning Streets	16,650.00
f. Surface Drain Maintenance	7,650.00
g. Sidewalk Maintenance	4,000.00
h. City Share T.R.A.	944.90
i. Tree Work	3,200.00
j. Care of Cemeteries	500.00
24. Salaries	43,674.00
a. Mayor	1,200.00
b. Councilmen	1,800.00
c. City Clerk	3,900.00
d. Fiscal Officer	2,860.00
e. Clerical Assistance	7,644.00
f. Mayor's Secretary	3,640.00
g. City Auditor	1,400.00
h. City Physician	850.00
i. Sealer of Weights & Measures	900.00
j. City Solicitor	1,400.00
k. City Treasurer	1,500.00
l. Sec.-Treas., Trustee of Trust Funds	800.00
m. Board of Public Works	300.00
n. State of N. H. Retirement System	15,000.00
o. Longevity	480.00
25. Schools	502,506.00
26. State Educational Tax	3,788.00
27. Street Lighting	34,500.00
28. Tax Collector's Office	11,183.31
a. Advertising	50.00
b. Bond Expense	225.00
c. Longevity	120.00
d. Miscellaneous	50.00
e. Postage & Envelopes	275.00
f. Salaries	9,448.00
g. Supplies	275.00
h. Telephone	135.00
i. Travel	75.00
j. I.B.M. Service	240.00
k. Supplies for I.B.M. Service	290.31
29. The Weirs Municipal Buildings	2,820.00
a. Labor & Materials for Repairs	350.00
b. The Weirs Boardwalk	900.00
c. Salary—Janitor	945.00
d. Lights & Power	500.00
e. Supplies	125.00
30. Welfare Department	70,200.00
a. City Relief	27,200.00
b. Old Age Assistance	43,000.00
31. Zoning Board of Adjustment	450.00
a. Advertising	230.00
b. Printing & Postage	100.00
c. Salary—Clerical	120.00
32. Water Company Study	15,000.00
TOTAL	$1,423,090.00

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Change of Purpose:

Room—

Power Sweeper	$2,175.84	
Gravel and Screening Plant	1,634.74	
		$3,810.58

To—

Truck Replacements	$3,810.58

PARKING METER FUND

EXPENDITURES:

Collection, Maintetenance & Supervision	$1,300.00
Labor & Materials for Repairs	1,500.00
Light Bills—Parking Lots	900.00
Light Bills—Traffic Lights	900.00
Rent of Parking Lots	1,000.00
Sorting Coins	300.00
Supplies	250.00
Traffic	2,000.00
Police Department	5,800.00

Public Works Department	8,650.00	
Capital Outlays—Parking Meters	2,400.00	
		$25,000.00

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND BUDGET

July 1, 1954—June 30, 1955

Estimated Revenue		$32,000.00
Estimated Expenditures:		
Keasor Court Pumping Station	$ 500.00	
Abatements	200.00	
Clerical Assistance	1,000.00	
Plant Operation	16,000.00	
Printing, Envelopes & Supplies	500.00	
Reserve for Contingencies and Depreciation	3,200.00	
Sewer Maintenance	10,600.00	
Total Estimated Expenditures		$32,000.00

Passed and approved this 26th day of July, 1954.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RAISING MONEY BY TAXATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1955.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That there shall be raised and there is ordered to be raised on the polls and estate liable to be taxed within said City the sum of one million, two hundred thirty thousand, six hundred fourteen and twenty-one one hundredths ($1,230,614.21) dollars to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the City for the financial year ending June 30, 1955.

Passed and approved August 30, 1954.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO BOND ISSUE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OF A PERMANENT NATURE AND PURCHASE OF DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT OF A LASTING CHARACTER.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That the sum of $16,000 be and it hereby is appropriated for the construction of the several public improvements of a permanent nature and purchase of departmental equipment of a lasting character hereby authorized and hereinafter more specifically described:

(1) Sidewalks		
(a) Ward 1		
Lewis Street, North side	$650.00	
Main Street at Legion Home	975.00	
Opechee Park Entrance	378.00	
		2,003.00
(b) Ward 2		
Walker St., South side, Union Ave.—Butler	527.00	
Sanborn St., West side, end present walk to last house	638.00	
Champagne Ave., North side	1,175.00	
		2,340.00
(c) Ward 4		
Cook Court, South side	918.00	
Keasor Court, North side	1,050.00	
		1,968.00
(d) Ward 5		
Warren St., North side from opposite end of present walk to end	2,838.00	
Pine St., South side #171 to #181	435.00	
Avery St., Baldwin to Dixon	500.00	
		3,773.00
(e) Ward 6		
Clark Ave., North side	835.00	
Paugus Street	3,331.00	
Franklin St. Steps	200.75	
		4,366.75
(2) Purchase of departmental equipment		14,450.75
for City Hall—Chairs		1,549.25
		$16,000.00

2-a. For the purpose of meeting the appropriation contained in the preceding resolution, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance and sale of serial

coupon bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating $16,000 in principal amount, which shall bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 2½% per annum payable semi-annually) as shall be determined by the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Committee on Finance. Said bonds shall be payable to bearer, shall be dated October 1, 1954, shall be signed by the Mayor, shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and City Clerk, shall bear the city seal and authenticating certificate, duly executed, of the Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H., and shall be payable as to both principal and interest at said bank. The interest coupons attached shall bear the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer. Four of said bonds shall mature on the first day of October in each of the years 1955 to 1958 inclusive.

2-b. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

2-c. That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be and they hereby are appropriated for the purposes set forth in the preceding resolution as specified therein, provided, however, that any premium arising upon such sale, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the first of said bonds to mature.

2-d. All of the departmental equipment, the purchase of which has hereinbefore been authorized, is hereby determined to have a useful life in excess of four years, in the opinion of the City Council.

Passed and approved this 4th day of October, 1954.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S ACTIVITIES AND EXPENSES IN ITS PROGRAM TOWARD ACQUISITION OF THE LACONIA WATER COMPANY.

1. That all expenditures relative to the acquisition of the Laconia Water Company are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed; and further
2. That the City Solicitor and Co-counsel are authorized to expend a sum not to exceed $3500 for consulting services relative to the acquisition of the Laconia Water Company, in addition to any sums expended or any bills incurred up to this date; and further
3. That Co-counsel for the City is authorized and directed to represent the City of Laconia in co-operation with the City Solicitor upon the occasion of the appeal to the Supreme Court of New Hampshire regarding the legality of the referendum of June 22, 1954.

Passed and approved this 29th day of November, 1954.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO BOND ISSUE FOR PURCHASE OF DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT OF A LASTING CHARACTER.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That the sum of $11,000 be and it hereby is appropriated for the purchase of departmental equipment of a lasting character hereby authorized and hereinafter more specifically described:

Public Works Department
Purchase of three Sidewalk Tractor Plows $11,000

2-a. For the purpose of meeting the appropriations contanied in the preceding resolution, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance and sale of serial bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating $11,000 in principal amount, which shall bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 2½% per annum payable semi-annually) as shall be determined by the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Committee on Finance. Said bonds shall be payable to bearer, shall be dated December 20, 1954, shall be signed by the Mayor, shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and City Clerk, shall bear the city seal and shall be payable as to both principal and interest at Peoples National Bank, Laconia, N. H. The interest coupons attached shall bear the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer. One of said bonds shall mature on the 15th day of December in each of the years 1955 to 1959 inclusive.

2-b. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at pub-

lic sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

2-c. That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be and they hereby are appropriated for the purposes set forth in the preceding resolution as specified therein, provided, however, that any premium arising upon such sale, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the first of said bonds to mature.

3-a. All of the departmental equipment, the purchase of which has hereinbefore been authorized, is hereby determined to have a useful life in excess of 5 years, in the opinion of the City Council.

Passed and approved this 20th day of December, 1954.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO SERIAL NOTE ISSUE IN THE AMOUNT OF $17,000 FOR PUBLIC NATURE AT THE LACONIA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That the sum of $17,000 be and it hereby is appropriated for the City's share in the construction of the several public improvements of a permanent nature more specifically described as follows:

Laconia Municipal Airport Construct and pave taxi-way, plane parking apron, construct catch basins and drainage lines, erect fence and gates, prepare an approach plan of the airport, and grade, top-soil and seed new apron.	$17,000

2-a. For the purpose of meeting the appropriations contained in the preceding resolution, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance and sale of serial bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating $17,000 in principal amount, which shall bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 2½% per annum payable semi-annually) as shall be determined by the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Committee on Finance. Said bonds shall be payable to bearer, shall be dated April 1, 1955, shall be signed by the Mayor, shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and City Clerk, shall bear the city seal, and shall be pavable as to both principal and interest at the Peoples National Bank of Laconia, N. H. One of said bonds shall mature on the 1st day of April in each of the years 1956 to 1959 inclusive. $5000 Apr. 1, 1956. $4000 Apr. 1, 1957 to 1959.

2-b. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

2-c. That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be and they hereby are appropriated for the purposes set forth in the preceding resolution as specified therein, provided, however, that any premium arising upon such sale, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the first of said bonds to mature.

Passed and approved this 17th day of March, 1955.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZATION OF $81,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE STATION AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That the sum of $81,000 be and it is hereby appropriated for the construction of a fire station.

2-a. For the purpose of meeting the appropriations contained in the preceding resolution, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance and sale of serial bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating $81,000 in principal amount, which shall bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 2½% payable semi-annually as shall be determined by the City Treasurer). Said bonds shall be payable to bearer, shall be dated May 1, 1955, shall be signed by the Mayor, shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and City Clerk, shall bear the city seal, and shall

be payable to both principal and interest at Second Bank—State Street Trust Company of Boston, Massachusetts. The interest coupons attached shall bear the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer. Five thousand of said bonds shall mature on the first day of May in each year 1956 to 1964, inclusive and four thousand on the first day of May in each year 1965 to 1973, inclusive.

2-b. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them to the successful bidder provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

2-c. That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be and they hereby are appropriated for the purposes set forth in the preceding resolution as specified therein, provided, however, that any premium arising upon such sale, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the first of said bonds to mature.

2-d. That said bonds shall be issued and made payable in accordance with and subject to the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

3. That it is hereby determined that said fire station will have an expected useful life in excess of twenty-five years.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of March, 1955.

/s/ Gerard L. Morin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO BOND ISSUE FOR THE LAKEPORT FIRE STATION.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the resolution adopted March 22, 1955, entitled "A Resolution Relative to Authorization of $81,000 for the Construction of a Fire Station and the Issuance of Bonds to Pay the Cost Thereof" is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Passed and approved this twenty-seventh day of April, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

WHEREAS, a serious problem now exists concerning the school facilities of the City of Laconia; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the welfare of the people of Laconia that this problem be resolved;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

Resolved: That the Mayor of the City of Laconia be authorized to appoint a school study committee consisting of three members of the City Council, three members of the School Board and one citizen from each of the wards in the City of Laconia; and

Resolved: That said school study committee be directed to immediately start an investigation and study of the education needs of the City of Laconia, with particular regard to the school buildings and physical facilities and report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council; and

Resolved: That said committee be authorized to spend such monies, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Council, as it may deem necessary for its investigation and study.

Passed and approved this 27th day of April, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AT THE LACONIA AIRPORT, THE APPROPRIATION OF FORTY THOUSAND ($40,000) DOLLARS AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS THEREFOR.

1. That there be and hereby is authorized a public work and improvement of a permanent nature, to wit, the acquisition of a parcel of land at the Laconia Airport including the hangar and other buildings situated thereon and the construction on said land of a new administration building, said parcel being substantially described as follows:

Parcel 1. A certain tract or parcel of land on which is situated the Laconia Airport including buildings, runways, taxiways, aprons, fences, roads and parking areas bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the shore of

Lily Pond so-called, at the northerly corner of land formerly of R. Morgan and running southeasterly about two hundred and seventy-eight (278') feet to the westerly side of the old Lily Pond Road; thence running northeasterly along said westerly side to a point opposite the concrete bound on the easterly side of said road marking the northerly corner of land of Bernard Smith; thence running south forty-nine degrees and thirty-minutes East (S 49°-30' E) across said road on the extension of the easterly boundary of said Smith land to said concrete buond; thence continuing the same course about five hundred (500') feet to a concrete bound at the former right-of-way of the Boston and Maine Railroad now owned by the grantor herein; thence running in a generally easterly direction along the northerly sideline of said right-of-way about three thousand and three hundred (3300') feet to land of Leon Tilton; thence running northeasterly along said Tilton land about six hundred and fifty (650') feet to land of Margaret Francis; thence deflecting about three (3°) degrees to the right and continuing northeasterly along said Francis land about three hundred and twenty-five (325') feet to a concrete bound at the southerly corner of land of Alton Miller; thence running northwesterly along said Miller land about one thousand five hundred (1500') feet to land of Hunt; thence running southwesterly along said Hunt's land about three hundred and twenty-five (325') feet to the southerly corner thereof; thence running northwesterly along said Hunt's land about one thousand fifty (1050') feet to a concrete bound at the westerly corner thereof; thence running northeasterly still along said Hunt's land about one thousand one hundred and sixty-five (1165') feet to land now or formerly of S. Terrill; thence running northwesterly along said Terrill land about seven hundred and fifteen (715') feet to the easterly side of the abovementioned old Lily Pond Road; thence continuing on the same course across said road to the westerly side thereof; thence running northeasterly along said westerly side about eight hundred (800') feet to an angle in said road; thence continuing northeasterly but deflecting slightly to the left, along said westerly side about one hundred and ninety (190') feet to a concrete bound at land formerly of E. S. Robinson; thence running northwesterly along said land about two thousand eight hundred (2800') feet to land formerly of Joseph Ayers; thence running southwesterly along said land and land formerly of Palmer W. Merrill about two thousand three hundred (2300') feet to land formerly of Frank Smith; thence running southeasterly along said land about six hundred and thirty (630') feet to a corner in a stone wall; thence running southwesterly along said Smith land about seven hundred and twenty-five (725') to land now or formerly of Ora Gove at a corner in the stone wall; thence running slightly west due south about eight hundred (800') feet along said Gove land to land now or formerly of Mary E. Sanborn; thence running slightly further west of south about four hundred and thirty (430') feet along said Sanborn land to a corner in a stone wall; thence running still further west of south along said stone wall and a wire fence on a magnetic bearing of South eighteen degrees west (S 18° W) about three hundred and seventy-five (375') feet to the shore of said Lily Pond; thence running in a generally southerly direction following said shore to the point of beginning. Containing approximately four hundred and forty (440) acres.

Hereby meaning and intending to describe all of the land conveyed by the City of Laconia to the Laconia Airport Authority by its deed dated July 22, 1942, and recorded in the Belknap County Records, Book 259, Page 70, except that portion numbered 13 in said deed which was conveyed by the Laconia Airport Authority to the State of New Hampshire by its deed dated May 16, 1946 and recorded in the Belknap County Records Book 284, Page 45 and excepting the highway known as the new Lily Pond Road or the Airport Road, together with a portion of the right-of-way of the Lake Shore Branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad and a small triangular portion lying adjacent to and southerly of said railroad right-of-way; and the three rights-of-way or easements

for the hazard beacons.

2. That the sum of $40,000 is hereby appropriated to meet the cost of said public work and improvement of a permanent nature.
3. That for the purpose of meeting said appropriation there be and hereby is authorized under and pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act the issuance and sale of serial coupon bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating $40,000 in principal amount to bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 2½%), payable semi-annually, as shall be determined by the City Treasurer. Said bonds shall be payable to bearer, shall be signed by the Mayor, shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and City Clerk, shall bear the City Seal, shall be payable as to principal and interest at the Second Bank—State Street Trust Company in Boston, Massachusetts, and shall bear such date and mature at such times as shall be determined by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor.
4. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.
5. That it is hereby determined that said public work and improvement will have an expected useful life in excess of twenty-five years.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 1st day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AWARD OF $40,000 BONDS TO FINANCE LACONIA AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That the $40,000 Bonds authorized by resolution of the City Council adopted June 1, 1955, be dated July 1, 1955 and mature $5,000 July 1, 1956/1963, inclusive, said bonds to be denominated "Airport Improvement Bonds" and to bear interest at 2¼% per annum, payable semi-annually;
2. That said bonds be and they hereby are awarded to Second Bank—State Street Trust Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, in the amount of its bid therefor, namely, to purchase the same at a price of 100.128 and accrued interest to date of delivery;
3. That the Treasurer be and he hereby is instructed to deliver the bonds to the said purchaser against payment therefor and the action of the Treasurer in soliciting a bid for the purchase of said bonds be and it hereby is in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved; and
4. That except to the extent modified by this resolution the said resolution adopted June 1, 1955 be and it hereby is in all respects confirmed and approved.

Passed and approved this 9th day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LOANS TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1955.

That pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance, is authorized to issue notes from time to time not exceeding the sum of $400,000 in anticipation of the taxes of the financial year beginning July 1, 1955, which amount will not exceed the tax levy of the city for said year.

Passed and approved this 27th day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin, Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAKING OF A PERMANENT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AT THE LACONIA AIRPORT AND THE ISSUE AND SALE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SAID IMPROVEMENT.

That the following action taken by the City Council at special meetings held June 1 and June 9, 1955, is in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved, namely, the adoption of resolutions

(i) Authorizing the acquisition of certain land at Laconia Airport, together with the hangar and other buildings thereon and the construction on said land of an administration building, all for airport purposes;

(ii) Making the appropriation of $40,000 to meet the cost of said public work and improvement of a permanent nature:

(iii) Authorizing the issuance of Airport Improvement Bonds under the Municipal Finance Act to meet said appropriation; and

(iv) The sale to Second Bank, State Street Trust Company of Boston at 100.128, the bonds to be dated July 1, 1955, to be payable $5000 July 1, 1956 to 1963 inclusive, and to bear interest at 2¼% per annum, payable semi-annually.

It is further resolved that all action taken by the officers and agents of the city in accordance with and in reliance upon said resolution of the City Council is hereby in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Passed and approved this 27th day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO CHARLES F. STAFFORD.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Laconia has been honored by a visit from the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and

WHEREAS, Charles F. Stafford of Laconia was largely responsible for prevailing upon President Eisenhower to visit the City of Laconia, and

WHEREAS, Charles F. Stafford did unselfishly and efficiently see to the necessary arrangements and reception for the visit of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to officially recognize the outstanding service rendered to the City of Laconia by Charles F. Stafford

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laconia extend to Charles F. Stafford their appreciation and thanks for the service rendered by Charles F. Stafford, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be instructed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Charles F. Stafford with the congratulations of the Mayor and Council.

Passed and approved this 27th day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF LACONIA.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

WHEREAS, on June 23 and 24, 1955, the City of Laconia was signally honored by a visit from President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and

WHEREAS, said visit of President Eisenhower of necessity involved police protection and safety precautions of the highest order, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the City of Laconia carried out its duties in a manner best calculated to promote both efficiency and public good will

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that congratulations and thanks are hereby extended to Police Chief Charles E. Dunleavy and the members of the Laconia Police Department for their splendid work during the recent visit of President Eisenhower, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be instructed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Police Chief Charles E. Dunleavy and the members of the Laconia Police Department with the congratulations of the Mayor and Council.

Passed and approved this 27th day of June, 1955.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin
Mayor

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